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We Couldn't Have Said It Better Ourselves

To my mind, there are few words in the English language that are more offensive than the word "tolerance," especially when it has to do with people. Who among us likes to be told that we are being tolerated? It is at best a way of saying, "I do not love you and maybe I do not hate you, so I will just try to tolerate you."

Thank you very much, nice person!

Surely there is something implicitly insulting and condescending about the whole notion of tolerance. So why, then, have we been reading day after day in The Sacramento Bee about constructing a museum of tolerance somewhere in our city? This, it seems, is thought of as some sort of enlightened response to the recent torching of the Jewish synagogues.

We can only imagine how Jewish people must feel about this silly proposal. We hope they see it was the most off-the-wall, crazy and bizarre idea we've heard in many a day. Surely, after all they have been through, the last things a Jewish person would want to be told is that he (or she) is now tolerated.

Although the word and idea are somehow now in vogue, the fact is that tolerance is not a human virtue at all. It's not even the absence of a vice. It's a best a cop-out, and a sickening one at that. For example, can we imagine Jesus telling the parable about the Tolerant Samaritan, or can we imagine the apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians, "So now there abide in faith, hope, but greater than these is tolerance"?

So please, no museum to tolerance. We think and hope that the whole embarrassing proposal will be quickly consigned to the eternal oblivious it deserves.

Rev. Michael McFadden, pastor
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Editor's Note – Reread Rev. Michael's piece, substituting "gay" or "lesbian" for Jewish person.

READER IN SPAIN WRITES...

Dear Editor:

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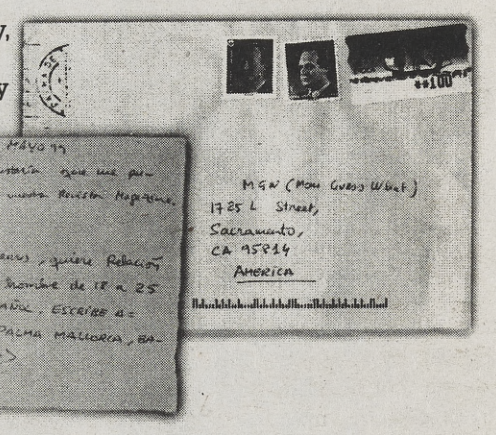

Editor: El hombre didn't give his name, nor where he'd picked up his copy of the May 1 issue of MGW.

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Oysters and The Ambassador

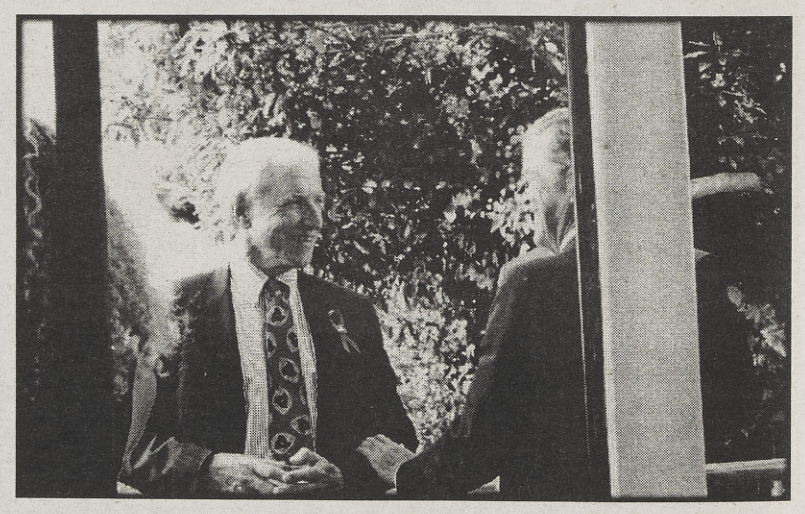
by Lee Nichols
MGW Staff

I met future Ambassador Jim Hormel over oysters at Zuni, the always popular and very continental café on Market Street in San Francisco. My friend Carol Pierson, treasurer of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association, had asked me to join her as she pitched philanthropist Hormel. We were supposed to talk him into making a grant to NLGJA to advance our cause.

Hormel. . .tall, distinguished, handsome, smiling engagingly, entered the café. Carol and I stood to greet him. She and Hormel shook hands. I hugged him. I blush even now as I recall that moment. What prompted me to do the gay-hug-shtick with a powerful financial and political man I'd never met only a super-shrink can explain. Hormel looked startled. I acquired the color of a well boiled lobster. Carol mumbled my name. He repeated it, his inflection rising as if my name were a question. Then he led us to the table reserved for him. I scurried along after the grown-ups.

> *"I have only the vaguest memory of what we talked about—we didn't get the money—but I will remember forever those oysters."*

Conversation slouched through time tested topics of weather and mutual acquaintances until a porn-film-handsome waiter arrived. "Oysters?" Hormel asked. Carol demurred. I said "Yes!" Hormel selected a mix of California and Washington state mollusks which were delivered moments later, nestled on their icy bed. He ate six. I ate six. "More?" he asked. "Yes!" I said. He and I finished the second dozen without wasting time on talk. Then we ordered lunch.



James C. Hormel with MGW Reporter Lee Nichols enjoy a moment at a recent fundraiser.

I have only the vaguest memory of what we talked about—we didn't get the money—but I will remember forever those oysters. A few weeks later Hormel came to a reception we were throwing for Sir Ian McKellen in connection with fund raising for the gay collection at the New Main Library. (Now the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Library.) Someone started to introduce us. "Lee's an old friend," Hormel interrupted. Then he gave me a warm gay hug.

Migden Secures $1 Million from State Budget for San Francisco's Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center

Governor Gray Davis signed the state's budget that included $1 million for San Francisco's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center. "I am pleased that the state has recognized the importance of giving gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people a place to gather," said Migden, who proposed the budget additions early in legislative negotiations and received word of the Governor's approval June 29.

The San Francisco LGBT Community Center will be housed in the historic Fallon Building at 1800 Market Street, a century-old building that has been home to various gay organizations and businesses since the 1970's. The Fallon Building was nearly demolished last year, but saved by city preservationists who designated the building as a protected, historic landmark. Since then, only a lack of funding has prevented the building from being completely restored and ready for use.

"Not only will the state's funding provide for the good of the community, but it will ensure that a San Francisco landmark will remain standing." said Migden. "A city so rich with gay history deserves the preservation of its important structures." The center is slated to open in the year 2001, according to its directors. It will host an unlimited amount of recreational, political, and spiritual organizations, and will serve as a tourist destination for visitors who wish to connect with any or all of San Francisco's diverse LGBT communities.

Lutherans Reorganized

MGW Staff

Popular Lutheran pastor David Peters has announced that Lutherans Concerned has been reorganized and will be meeting regularly. The mission of the group is to stand "as a community of faith, modeling the gospel within the church and within the lesbian and gay community."

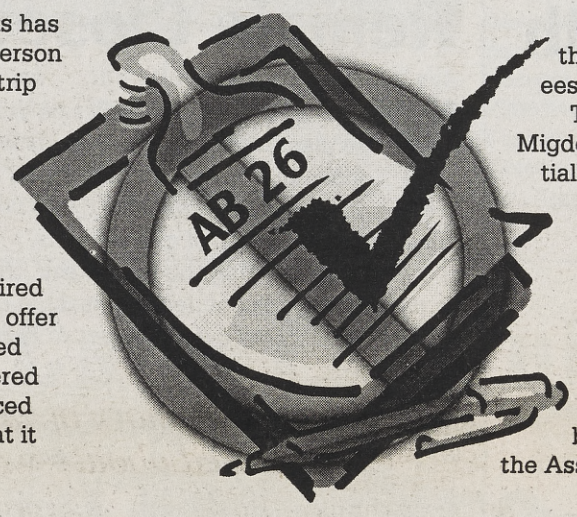
The next meeting of Lutherans Concerned is scheduled for Sunday, July 25, at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, on the corner of Marconi and Mission. The group will meet at 5, a potluck dinner follows at 6, and a panel discussion starts at 7.

For more information you may call Pastor Peters at 927-2624.

Governor Guts Gay Bill

Lee Nichols

Governor Gray Davis has forced Assemblyperson Carol Migden to strip critical parts from her Domestic Partners Bill (AB 26) as the price for promising to sign it when it gets to his desk.



Midgen's bill had required all insurance companies to offer health benefits to unmarried couples equal to those offered married couples. Davis forced her to change AB 26 so that it only applies to companies contracting with PERS, the state's Public Employees Retirement System.

These changes in Migden's bill make it essentially identical to AB 107 by Los Angeles Democrat Wally Knox, which has left Knox fuming that Midgen hijacked his bill. Thus, the Governor has not only weakened the legislation but has also managed to start a feud between to members of the Assembly.

To make his action even uglier, Davis explained his interference in the legislative process by saying, "I believe the state should serve as a moral exemplar. We should do what we think is right, not mandate the private sector to follow our lead."

If the bill passes it still creates a domestic partners registration office administered by the Secretary of State. Those registering will be assured some of the basic rights afforded married couples such as hospital visitation.

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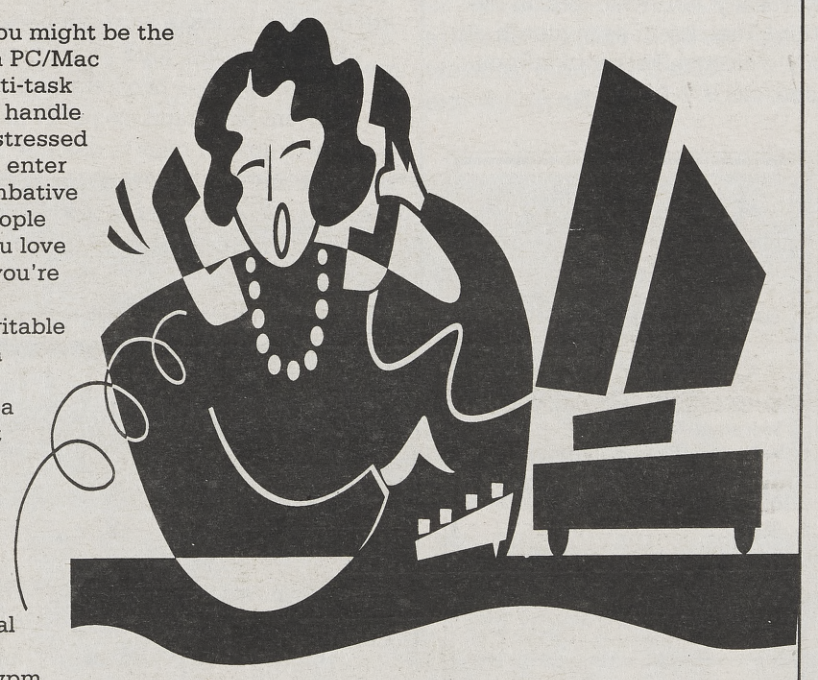

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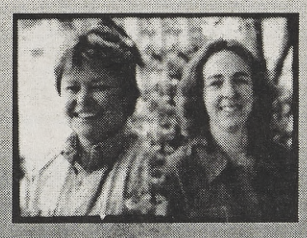

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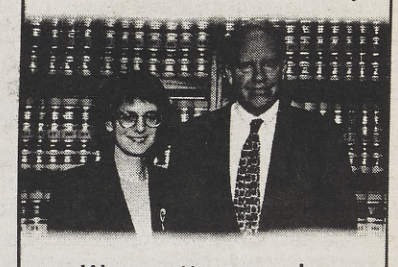

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Conservatives Blast Fresno Assemblywoman

Conservative religious group is attacking Fresno's Assembly member Sarah Reyes urging her to oppose what it calls the "homosexual agenda."

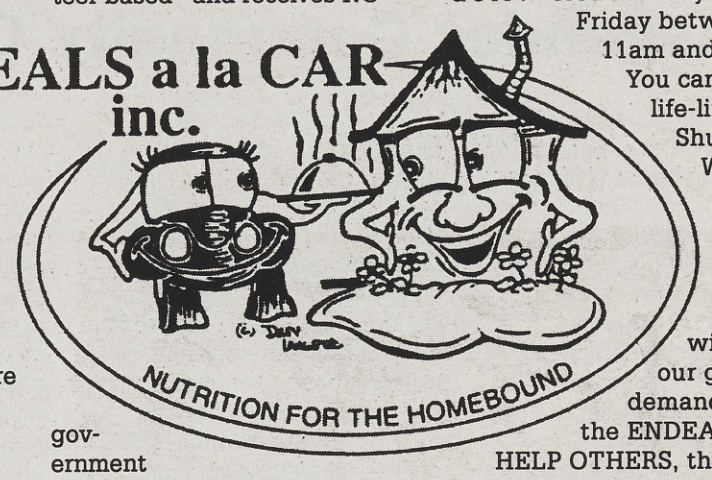
The full-page advertisements, appearing in Fresno Bee criticized the Democrat for "keeping quiet" on bills to expand the legal definition of discrimination to include sexual orientation. The ads urged voters to call Reyes' Assembly office and register opposition.

Paid for largely by the conservative, Sacramento-based Capitol Resource Institute, the ads and direct mailers also attacked five other state Democratic lawmakers.

Reyes responded, "They have used lies, innuendo and falsehood to try to scare people - not only about issues but also about me, Christian-based group uses lies. I wonder about that."

"Meals" Needs Volunteer

After 27 years of serving nutritional needs of the Greater Sacramento Area, Meals a la Car announced an expansion effort. The need for delivery of hot nutritious meals that are tailored for all dietary needs is growing by leaps and bounds. A large number of our recipients are elderly and would be at risk of being institutionalized were it not for Meals a la Car. There are folks restricted to their homes due to a variety of conditions extending from accidents to surgery and everything in between. Meals a la Car does not discriminate - whether the recipient is 20 or 80 YEARS YOUNG... short term or long term... "Meals" will be there to serve. Meals a la Car is "volunteer-based" and receives NO government funding. Therefore, "Meals" is dependent upon the generous support of the Community through donations of time and finances.



Meals a la Car needs you as a volunteer! Meals are deliv-ered Monday thru Friday between 11am and 1pm. You can be a life-line to Shut-ins. Whatever amount of time you cans spare will help our growing demands. It is in the ENDEAVOR to HELP OTHERS, that volunteers with Meals a la Car find the hearts of their souls and discover who they really are. Info: Call Phyllis at Meals a la Car at 916/391-3837.

Hertz Recognizes Gay Marriage

MGW Staff

When Swedish visitors and needed a rental car, their Sacramento hostess, Henrietta Lopez of The Affiliates Salon, took them to Hertz at the airport. As the women were negotiating for their car, Henrietta became aware a problem had arisen.

"When I asked what the trouble was," Henrietta recalls, "(woman) said Hertz was asking each of them produce a credit card but they only had the one they shared." The company policy, the clerk explained, was that when two unrelated people rented a car which both would be driving each needed to complete a rental contract on his, or her, own credit card.

"I asked if that policy also applied to married couples." The clerk said it did not, that a husband and wife only needed to show one credit card. "I took a deep breath," Henrietta said, "and told him they are a married couple."

The clerk asked the women if that was really true. They said it was, explaining that according to Swedish law it was. To the delight of the couple, and to Henrietta's surprise, the clerk hesitated only a moment before agreeing that they only needed one credit card.

Hertz action raises the question of whether international law and U. S. treaties will make so-called Defense of Marriage Acts moot. If the states are prohibited from enforcing laws which would abrogate a treaty or violate international law then the all businesses and all of the states may be forced to act as honorably as Hertz did.

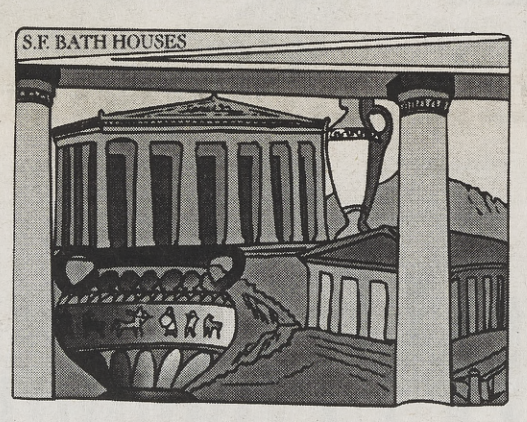
PFLAG Meets with Lambda Letters & California Alliance Reps

Sacramento PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will meet on Tuesday, July 20th at 7:30pm at St. Mark's Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way. The program will include a discussion regarding legislation and advócacy with representatives from Lambda Letters and the California Alliance for Pride and Equality. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, and transgendered people, their families and friends through support, education, and advocacy. PFLAG meets on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. For more information, call 978-0410.

SF Bathhouses To Remain Closed

The City's Health Commission will not even consider a request to reopen San Francisco's bathhouses - a move that in effect ends official debate over the controversial proposals that's been trumpeted by a small but vocal group of gay activists.

Without debating the issue itself, the commission decided to place the burden of decision making on Dr. Mitch Katz, director of The City's Department of Public Health.



Commissioners, citing local and state laws, said that as The City's top health officer, Katz - not commissioners - has sole authority to determine the best regulations for controlling the spread of venereal disease.

Katz has been adamant about retaining the 15-year-old ban on bathhouses - venues frequented by some gay men that are open to the public.

In bathhouses, which still operate in a handful of other cities, sexual activity is allowed to take place behind closed doors in private rooms, away from the eyes of monitors who are on hand to make sure safer-sex practices are adhered to.

Such a setting, Katz argued, can contribute to the spread of AIDS. Bathhouse boosters dispute that argument.

Current San Francisco public health policy allows other sex clubs with stricter rules to operate. They are required to provide condoms and monitor sexual activity to ensure safer-sex rules are followed. And at those sex clubs, participants typically gather in large common rooms that afford no privacy.

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NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT...

Mirken Not Guilty

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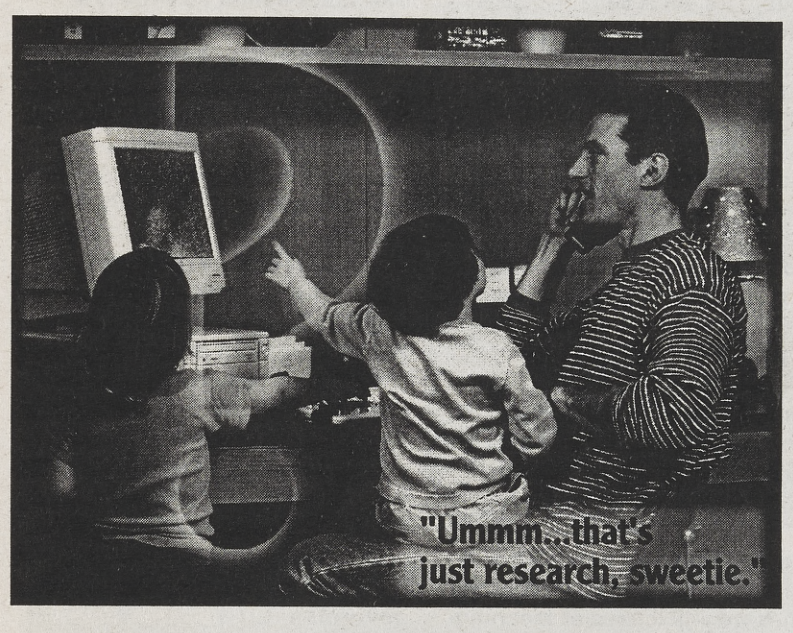
Nothing energizes anti-gays like an allegation of child molestation, which is why the case of the People v. Bruce Mirken captured national attention among homophobic organizations. Mirken, a San Francisco based journalist, had been arrested in McKinley Park by San Francisco Police when he arrived to meet with "Anthony," whom he presumably believed to be the 14 year old boy with whom he had chatted on-line. The police, and right-wing groups, assumed Mirken's interest in the boy was sexual. However, there was no "boy" and Mirken insisted his interest was journalistic. "Anthony" was the invention of the police, part of a sting operation designed to catch pederasts, and Mirken has written extensively on issues facing gay youth for national publications.



"The prosecutors' case was a fraud from day one," Mirken insisted. Judge Rudolph Loncke dismissed the case, explaining to MGW staff, "there was not enough evidence to go forward."

In a related action, Mirken had been found not guilty of possession of child pornography last May. He had been charged with having illegal images on his personal computer but defense proved that he had not solicited the images, had deleted them when he found them on his computer, and that the police had used sophisticated equipment and software to reconstruct the file Mirken had deleted.

Mirken, a freelance writer, has amassed an enormous debt defending himself from the charges which have now been dismissed. For information contact Bruce Mirken Legal Defense Fund, P.O. Box 14954, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Alter Bound?

The percentage of Americans making the trip to the alter is at an all time low, researchers at Rutgers University have found. The Marriage Project confirmed that people still say they are in favor of marriage, they just don't do it themselves. The rising acceptance of single parenthood and "living together" were offered as explanation for the drop in the numbers getting married.

The increase in the number of gays and lesbians living open, proud lives was not mentioned as a reason for the drop in the hetero-marriage numbers.

Tarzan's Fans

The giant Disney Corporation is once again in trouble with the anti-gay right wing. This time the Mickey factory is charged with turning Tarzan into an object of gay lust.

What the morality police apparently to not know is that gay men have been offering their naked chests for Tarzan to beat on since Johnny Weismuller first grabbed a dangling vine.

Hit the Showers!

San Francisco's chief health cop, Dr. Mitch Katz, recently blocked efforts to allow the bath houses to reopen, alleging that they contribute to the spread of HIV infection. Now ACT-UP has taken to the streets to collect signatures to put the issue on the November ballot.

What ACT-UP has failed to do is force Katz to compare infection rates in bathhouse-free San Francisco with rates in Berkeley, San Jose, or Los Angeles where gay bath houses remain open for (funny)business.

NGLTF Calls For Full Investigation Into Brutal Death Of Army PFC

Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, issued the following statement in response to the brutal beating death of PFC Barry Winchell. Winchell a 21 year old Private First Class at Fort Campbell, died earlier this week at a hospital in nearby Nashville, Tenn after allegedly being assaulted with a baseball bat by at least one of his fellow serviceman.

"We call on the military authorities to fully investigate and disclose the nature of this terrible tragedy. PFC Winchell pledged to protect and defend his country. Who was protecting and defending PFC Winchell? Although all of the facts surrounding this death are unknown, it is important enough to point out that it occurred in a climate of hostility against gays and lesbians – a climate fostered by the military's own polices. 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' doesn't work – in fact, it has made things worse. Last year, at least 33 lives were lost as a result of anti-GLBT violence.

The Service Members Legal Defense Network has dispatched staff members to Fort Campbell area to investigate the circumstances of the incident. Anyone with relevant information should call 202-669-6279 over the weekend and 202-328-3244 during working hours or E-mail sldn@sldn.org

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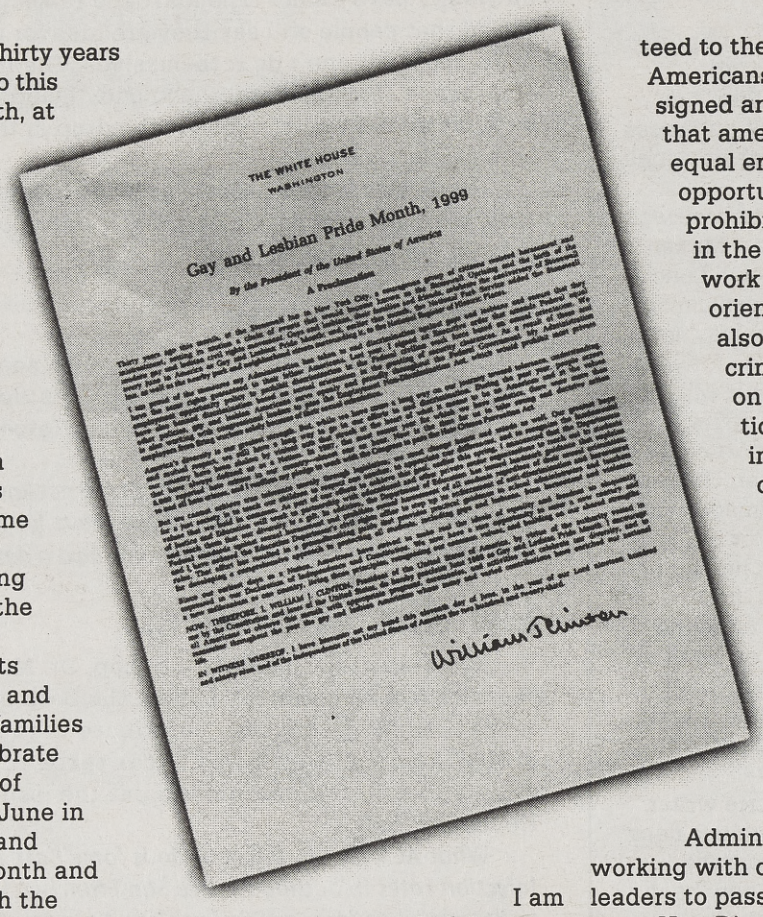
President Clinton Sends Message to Gays and Lesbians

Thirty years ago this month, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, a Courageous group of citizens resisted harassment and mistreatment, setting in motion a chain of events that would become known as the Stonewall Uprising and the birth of the modern gay and lesbian civil rights movement. Gays and Lesbians, Their families and friends, celebrate the Anniversary of Stonewall every June in America as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month and earlier this month the National Park Service added Stonewall Inn as well as the nearby park, and neighborhood streets surrounding it, to the National Register of Historic Places.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Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, 1999

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

I am proud of the measure my Administration has taken to end discrimination against gays and lesbians and ensure that they have the same rights guaranteed to there fellow Americans. Last year, I signed an executive order that amends Federal equal employment opportunity policy to prohibit discrimination in the federal civilian work force on sexual orientation. We have also banned discrimination based on Sexual orientation in the granting of security clearances. As a result in these and other polices, gay and lesbian Americans serve openly and proudly throughout the Federal Government. My Administration is also working with congressional leaders to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit most private employers from firing workers soley because of there sexual orientation.

America's diversity is our greatest strength. But, while we have come a long way to on our journey toward tolerance, understanding, and mutual respect, we still have a long way to go in our efforts to end discrimination. During the past year, people across our country have been shaken by violent acts that have stuck at the heart of what it means to be an American and at the values that have defined us as a nation. In 1997, the most recent year for which we have statistics, there were more the 8,000 reported hate crimes in our country, almost one an hour. Now is the time for us to take a strong and decisive action to end all hate crimes, and I reaffirm my pledge to work with congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

But we cannot achieve true tolerance merely through

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California Candidates Earn Victory Fund Endorsements

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund announced its endorsement of four California candidates for state and local office: Sheila Kuehl for state Senate, Jackie Goldberg and Christine Kehoe for state Assembly and Toni Atkins for San Diego City Council.

"Given that California's primary elections are occurring earlier than ever next year, we felt it was extremely important to throw our support to these exceptional candidates in the most timely and effective way," said Victory Fund Executive Director Brian K. Bond. "These ground-breaking races give our community the chance to make history on multiple fronts, and the time to act is now."

All four candidates are facing important financial reporting deadlines on June 30 that we will looked at meaningful barometers of their strength. The better monetary shape the campaigns are in by that date, the better positioned they will be to fend off opposition. California's primary elections - set for March 7, 2000 - will also be critical for these candidates:

• As the first openly gay and lesbian state legislator in California and the first woman to serve as speaker pro tempore of the Assembly, Sheila Kuehl is a trailblazer. She has now launched a bid to become California's first openly lesbian state senator. California's state Senate races are even more costly than most congressional campaigns - and this one, for the state's 23rd Senate District representing the Los Angeles area, is thought to be especially competitive.

• Los Angeles City Council member Jackie Goldberg, the city's first openly lesbian elected official, is making a run for the California Assembly. She is vying for a seat representing the Los Angeles-based 45th Assembly District, and has earned the endorsement of the incumbent, Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, who is leaving as a result of term limits. The seat represents a strongly Democratic area, so the March 2000 primary will decide the outcome.

• Currently in her second term on the San Diego Council, Katherine Kehoe was the first openly gay person elected to office in San Diego County when she won her first race in 1993. She is now in a highly competitive race for an open seat in the California Assembly representing the San Diego-based 76th District.

• Toni Atkins hopes to succeed Christine Kehoe on the San Diego City Council. For more than a decade, Atkins has been an effective San Diego community leader. Her election to the Council would set a very important precedent by ensuring that the voices of the lesbian and gay community continue to be included in San Diego's city government.

"By electing their first openly gay state senator, increasing the inclusion of gay lawmakers in the Assembly, and solidifying a place on the City for San Diego's gay and lesbian community, all Californians stand to benefit," said Bond. "Bringing more lesbian and gay voices into the political process will be good for everyone in the models on the front line against discrimination in the face of the anti-gay 'Knight Initiative' - an anti marriage measure that will appear on the next year's California ballot."

Kuehl, Goldberg and Kehoe all were elected to their current offices with Victory Fund support.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is the only national organization whose sole mission is to increase the number of outstanding openly gay and lesbian public officials. As the nation's 14th largest nonconnected political action committee, the Victory Fund has generated more than $2 million for qualified openly gay and lesbian candidates at all levels of government.

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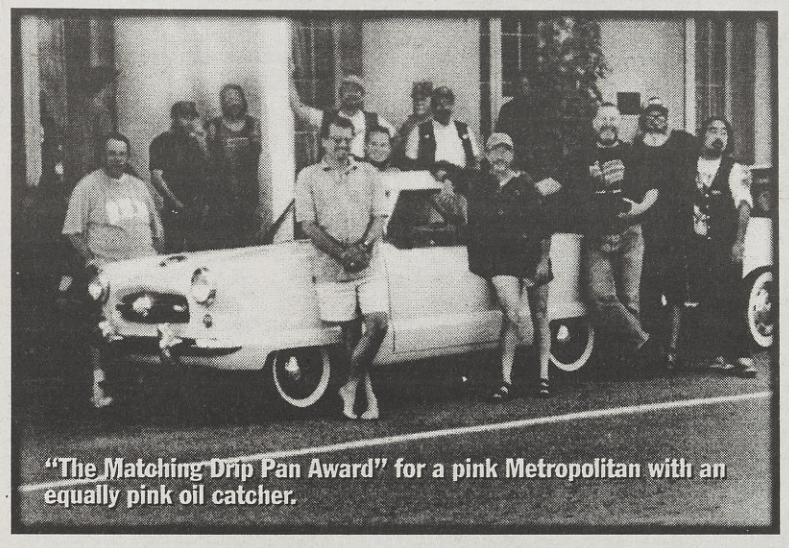
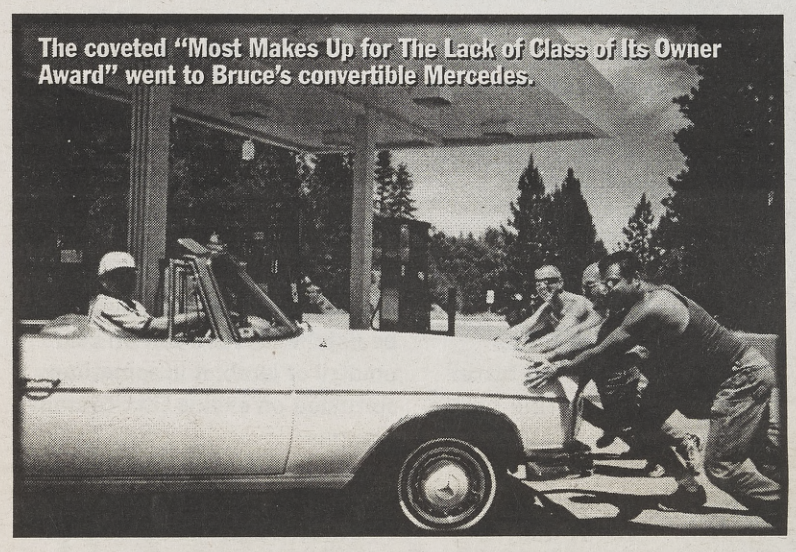
Local Motorcycle Club and Car Club Take Over Volcano

On June 19th, approximately 30 guests and members of the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club and the Valley Grilles Classic Car Club met for a leisurely breakfast at Merlino's to begin their jointly hosted overnight run to the historic St. George Hotel in Volcano. The orange freezes flowed as the members and guests ate and showed off their chromed beauties and admired others (and their engines, too!)

After breakfast the fleet rode through Historic Folsom with Tom and Mikey directing traffic with their motorcycles to keep the group together. The street grid gradually relaxed into the more rural roads through the rolling hills of El Dorado and Rescue. The weather was perfect for riding, and many men rode their motorcycles in short sleeves or took the tops down on their convertibles. The sun was warm and the breeze rushing was cool, and the foothill scenery was lush and beautiful. The travelers took a break in a Main Street Placerville coffee house where they shared shop talk, made new friends, and laughed as they investigated the shop's "tunnel of love", an abandoned mining tunnel that had been cleverly incorporated into the interior design.



"The Matching Drip Pan Award" for a pink Metropolitan with an equally pink oil catcher.



The coveted "Most Makes Up for The Lack of Class of Its Owner Award" went to Bruce's convertible Mercedes.

The caravan then took Hwy 49 to lunch at a 50's cafe in Plymouth. The scenic highway peacefully curved through the landscape with trees on one side and rolling hills on the other. Dramatic panoramas punctuated the ride with tree covered slopes past great canyons. More guests joined the party at the café, and the guests continued their introductions and talking with their mouths full of chili dogs and Cherry Cokes.

The ride then toured the lively historic main streets of Amador, Sutterville, Jackson, and finally Volcano, where the group explored what the famous St. George had to offer. The rustic country bar with its appropriately sassy bartenderess promised boisterous joking and camaraderie. The quaintly furnished hotel rooms offered all the comforts of home with classy charm, period furnishings and beds with antique quilts. The lush backyard beckoned the visitors to sit back and relax in its cool, shady gardens and enjoy laid back conversations and bottomless cups of aromatic coffee. Others checked out the old-fashioned main street and the townís rustic park. A group from Reno joined the crowd just as the banquet dinner from the hotels award winning kitchen began, followed by a brief awards presentation accompanied by cheesecake and strawberries. Among other awards, The Batmobile Award went to Chris' huge gray Imperial; The Matching Drip Pan Award for a pink Metropolitan with an equally pink oil catcher; and the coveted Most Makes Up for The Lack of Class of Its Owner Award went to Bruce's convertible Mercedes.

After dinner, the group dissipated into smaller groups in the bar, backyard, and balcony for leisurely chatting and card games. The enjoyment lasted late into the night, long after the groups lazily watched the sun go down and watched the stars emerge as they shared stories about grand road trips, past lives and past loves. Two by two, the couples said goodnight and retired into their rooms for a romantic night in the vintage foothills getaway.

A surprisingly tasty continental breakfast greeted the travelers the next morning as they packed up and said goodbye to their favorite bartender. In the bar, the Valley Knights left the requisite dollar bill and calling card tracked to the wood ceiling with the help of a tack, a deck of playing cards and Kellyís talented wrist. That done, the motorcade began one

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Using Flower Blossoms and Herbs in Salads

Part three

By Randy Hartley
MGW/Staff

Any salad—even a meat salad—ought to contain echoes of the garden, and some of the most vivid of allusions are herbs and edible flowers. The herbs should be fresh, which usually means they must be grown at home, either in the garden or in pots in sunny windows. Flowers, too, are best if homegrown—insurance against chemically sprayed blooms. Flowers like herbs should be picked just before you plan to use them.

In winter, it may be necessary to forego the use of flowers and to season salads with dried herbs—steeped beforehand in the vinegar or lemon juice of the dressing to refresh their flavor. Herbs will have the finest flavor if they are dried at home; to dry them, cut the herbs just as they begin to flower, leaving their stems long, and tie them in loose bundles with string. Then hang the herbs in an airy dark place to dry for two or three weeks. After the leaves are dry, they can be plucked off and stored in sealed jars.

The choice of herbs and flowers for a salad is a matter of both taste and culinary logic. The following list should provide inspiration for experiment.

Basil leaves and flowers: Sweet and clove like, basil's green or purple leaves and white or lavender flowers are natural complements to almost any vegetable, particularly tomatoes. While basil does not combine well with dill, it has affinities for oregano, thyme, tarragon and strong salad greens.

Borage leaves and flowers: Reminiscent of the flavor of cucumber, borage complements fish, shellfish and almost all vegetables.

Burnet leaves: mild lettuces best set off the delicate hint of cucumber in this herb.

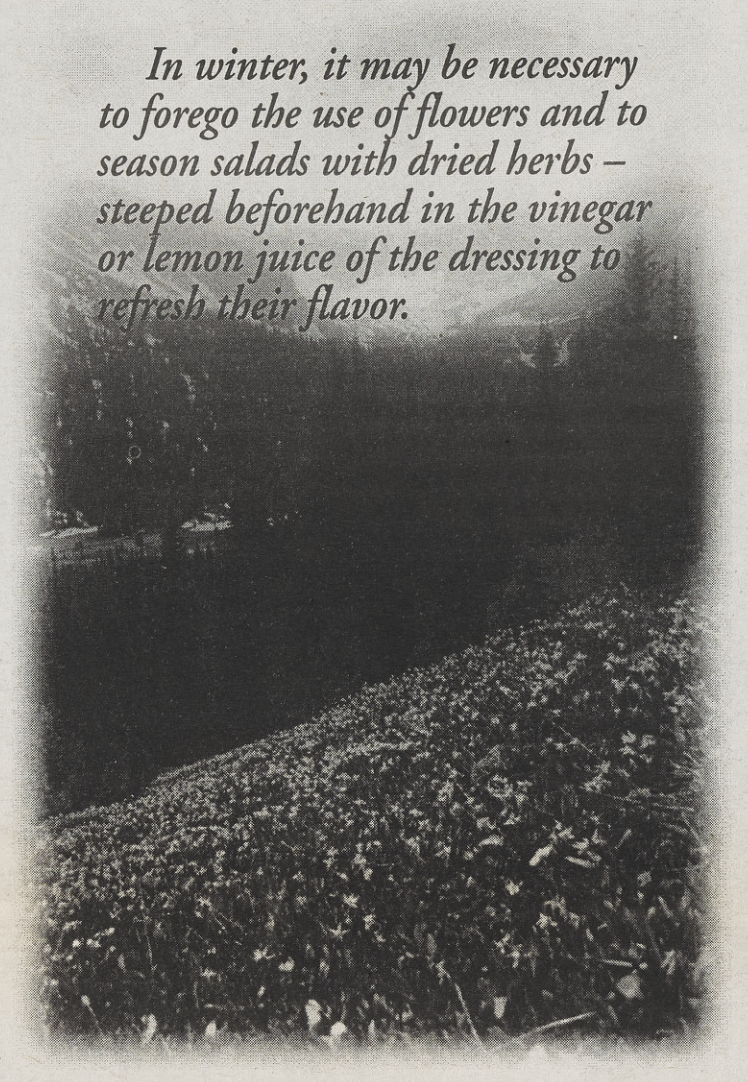
Calendula (pot marigold) flowers: A little bitter in flavor, these flowers add interest to rice and pasta salads.

Chervil leaves: The anise-like taste of chervil suits any mild salad; it blends well with parsley, tarragon or chives.

Chive stems and flowers: These mild relatives of the onion make a distinctive accompaniment to any vegetable.

Coriander leaves: This assertive herb, which is also called Chinese parsley or cilantro, can be used sparingly with any robust salad.

Day-lily flowers: A natural complement to mild-flavored greens, day lilies taste like sweetened chestnuts. The only edible blossoms come from the orange Henerocallis fulva and yellow Hemerocallis flava varieties; both these flowers should be eaten the day they bloom.


In winter, it may be necessary to forego the use of flowers and to season salads with dried herbs – steeped beforehand in the vinegar or lemon juice of the dressing to refresh their flavor.

Dill leaves and seeds: This herb's tart-flavored leaves are particularly attractive with fish and shellfish; among vegetables, cucumber and potato are dill's great allies. Dill seeds are strong in fragrance and good in potato salads.

Fennel leaves: Another herb for fish, common fennel has an anise flavor that also goes well with spinach. The leaves of the sweet, or Florence, fennel grown as a vegetable have little flavor.

Hyssop leaves and flowers: The refreshing bitterness of this herb's flowers allies nicely with salads that include fresh greens and hard-boiled eggs.

Lovage leaves and seeds: A taste that is reminiscent of both celery and parsley distinguishes this herb, which complements both vegetables and seafood.

Marjoram leaves and flowers: Fragrant and mild, sweet pot marjoram is best paired with delicate greens.

Mint leaves: A favorite in the Middle East, mint is good with cucumber and adds lightness to salads based on carrots, grains and all kinds of fruit.

Nasturtium leaves and flowers: The pepperiness of this plant sets off fruits and lettuces.

Oregano leaves and flowers: A mildly peppery herb traditional as a garnish for tomatoes, oregano blends well with basil, thyme or savory.

Parsley leaves: For fragrance, choose flat-leafed—also called Italian—parsley; it blends well with almost any salad, and has a special affinity for garlic.

Rose flowers: Sweet in flavor, rose petals complement any fruit or green salad. For the most pronounced flavors, choose the most fragrant roses.

Rosemary leaves: A good partner for meats, rosemary may be used with restraint on cold poultry or lamb; it is sometimes sprinkled on salads that contain oranges.

Savory leaves and flowers: This robust herb is a good choice for bean salads. Summer savory is sweeter than its peppery relative, winter savory.

Tarragon leaves: A classic element of the fines herbs mixture and a favorite of James Beard, tarragon has a strong anise flavor. It should be used sparingly—alone or with basil, burnt or thyme.

Thyme leaves and flowers: Common thyme's light bitterness enhances most vegetables; lemon thyme gives salads a delightful fragrance.

Violet leaves and flowers: The delicate flavor of these petals and leaves blends well with fruits and mild greens.

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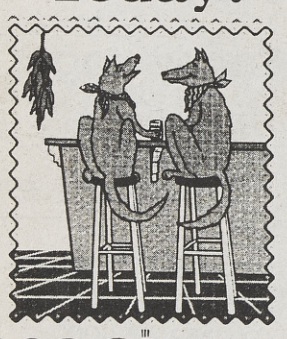
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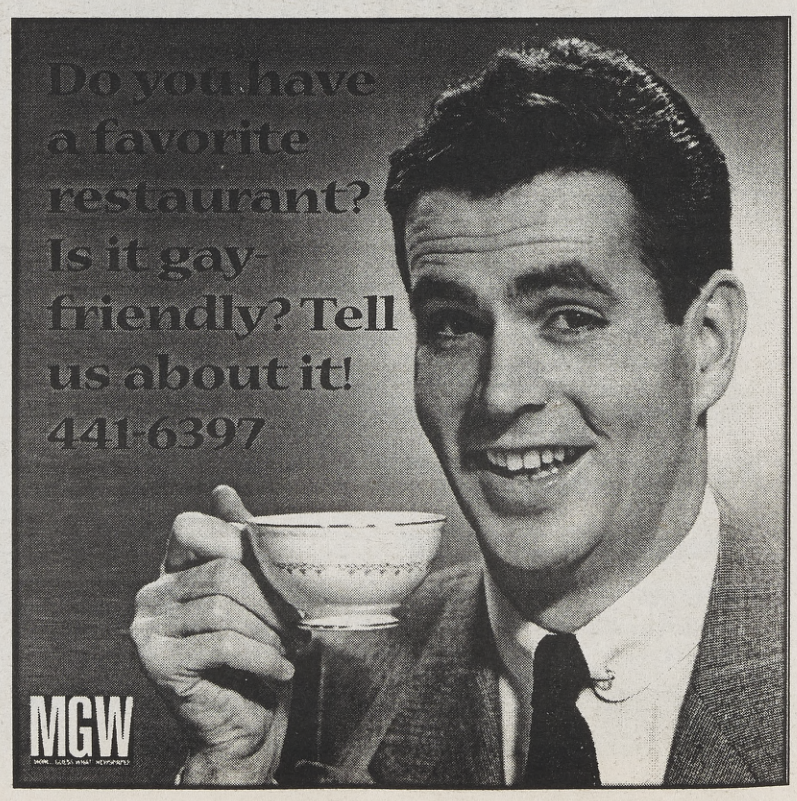

JULY FEATURE...

The Outing of Jar Jar

by Lee Nichols
MGW Staff

Jar Jar Binks, for those twenty people in town who haven't seen the latest *Star Wars* film, is George Lucas' animated version of the famous Snap Brothers from "In Living Color." He is so swishy I kept expecting him to give little Anakin two snaps. I mean, Jar Jar the Gungan wears platform shoes, doesn't do machines, cries at funerals, and giggles. Talk about stereotype!

Our friends at *Sacramento News & Review* ran a terrific piece by Richard Goldstein about Jar Jar in the last issue which to too good not to steal, so we're letting him put words in our mouth. (Actually SN&R Executive Editor Melinda Welsh confessed she reprinted it from *The Village Voice,* for which her friend Richard writes.) Here's the last paragraph of Goldstein's piece..

"By now, Tinky Winky phobia has entered the annals of wacky American history, right up there with black helicopters and alien abductions. But there's a real connection between Jerry Falwell's fuming and the imprecations being hurled at Jar Jar: Both are responses to a significant shift in the way children are *inducted into gender.* (Emphasis added. Editor.) We are moving toward a time when boys can carry purses and girls can wield swords without endangering their identities. Get used to it, guys. Preachers may rant and the knights of the Net may rave, but the culture has spoken. The force is with the Gungan."

Finally, if we had any doubt about Jar Jar's sexuality it's clear that the *Star Wars* cyber-fanatics don't. They are demanding he be cut from the film and/or killed.

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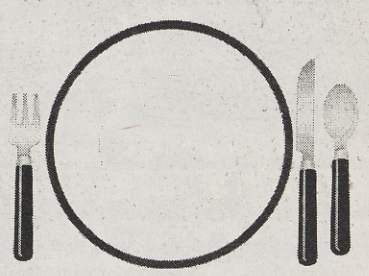

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IN HOLLYWOOD...

Tights, Capes and Superpowers

by Gerald Semas
MGW Staff

FILM

Mystery Men may be unfamiliar to those who never read the Dark Horse comic book series created by **Bob Burden** but

The Cast of Mystery Men.

when the film opens Aug. 6th, audiences won't soon forget it. The story follows a group of loser superhero wannabes who try to save real superhero, Captain Amazing, **Greg Kinnear** (As Good As It Gets) from the clutches of the evil Dr. Casanova Frankenstein, portrayed by **Geoffrey Rush** (Shakespeare in Love). The bumbling do-gooders include **Hank Azaria** (The Birdcage) as the Blue Raja, drag comic **Eddie Izzard** (Velvet Goldmine) as Tony Pampadour, **William H. Macy** (Fargo) as Shoveler, **Ben Stiller** (Flirting With Disaster) as Mr. Furious, **Paul Reubens** (Peewee Herman) as The Spleen and **Janeane Garofalo** as The Bowler. Yes, the bowler. Her powers come from a bowling ball which hits its target everytime because within lies the head of her dead father who was a bowling champ. No... her last name is NOT Cramden. ▼▼▼

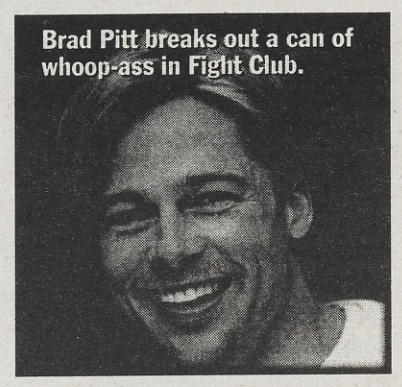
A better known comic book, X-Men is finally heading to the big screen despite years of delays. Supermodel **Rebecca Romijn-Stamos** (Mrs. John Stamos) has been cast as Mystique, the blue-skinned villainess shapeshifter and **Halle Berry** takes on the role of Storm, a superhero who can summon the power of wind, rain and lightning. Director **Bryan Singer** (Apt Pupil) has taken charge of the project which co-stars **Dougray Scott** (Ever After) as Wolvervine, **Patrick Stewart** (Jeffery) as Professor X and **Ian Mckellen** (Gods and Monsters) as Magneto, the Master of Magnetism, the leader of a band of evil mutants who battle the X-Men. ▼▼▼

What do you do when your Dad wants a gift for Mother's Day rather than Father's Day? That is one of many issues facing a youth in the new movie The Adventures of Sebastian Cole. Based on the experience of a family friend, writer-director **Tod Williams** presents the story of a teenager who rejects his father after a sex-change operation but later accepts the woman he has become. Williams is married to Bond Girl **Famke Janssen** who also makes a cameo in the film which opens this month for a limited release in NY and LA. ▼▼▼ A new upcoming independent film Better Than Chocolate offers a look at the secret life of a Lesbian. The plot follows a woman who tries to hide her lifestyle from her Mother and

Richard Gere and Julia Roberts are reunited in their upcoming project...

Brother when they unexpeditly move in. ▼▼▼

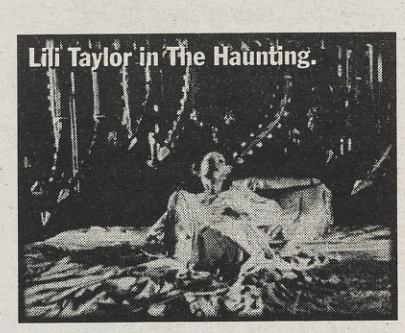
Dawson's Creek creator **Kevin Williamson** has his chance to show he can make other types of film than the ones that make you 'Scream.' Williamson has written and directed the soon-to-be-released Teaching Mrs. Tingle, a horror comedy about a group of students determined to knock off the most despised teacher in their school. Originally titled 'Killing Mrs. Tingle', the name was changed in light of the recent rash of school violence


Brad Pitt breaks out a can of whoop-ass in Fight Club.

around the country. Though with the Republican's killing attempts at better gun control legislation, it should be changed back. The cast includes **Michael McKean** (Tracey Takes On), **Jeffrey Tambor** (The Larry Sanders Show), **Lesley Ann Warren** (Victor/Victoria), **Barry Watson** (7th Heaven) and **Helen Mirren** (Loosing Chase) as the evil scholar. ▼▼▼

Brad Pitt moves from the world of violent competition in his upcoming film Fight Club to the world of rock music in his next film Metal Gods. This time Pitt plays Chris, a struggling band member who idolizes a famous group named Black Star. After getting the boot from his fellow musicians, crashing his car and hitting the depths of despair, Chris gets his big break. Faster than you can say, 'A Star is Born', a member of Black Star sees a tape of Chris performing and hires him as their new lead singer for Black Star. Many adventures follow including one in which Chris spends the night with a girl who is later discovered to be a guy. Believe it or not, he doesn't discover it on **Jerry Springer**. ▼▼▼

John Polson, **Russell Crowe's** boyfriend in the Australian film, The Sum of Us, has been added to the cast of Mission Impossible II. The script features **Brendan Gleeson** in the role of a charming British tycoon whose evil intentions are impeded by **Tom Cruise** and his team of super spies. Currently filming in Australia under the direction of **John Woo**, the film also includes **Sir Ian McKellen** (Gods and Monsters), **Ving Rhames**, **Steve Zahn** and **Dougray Scott**. ▼▼▼ **Julie Taymor's** ingenious vision moves from Broadway's The Lion King to Titus, her upcoming movie version of Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus. Taymor has chosen an eclectic array of costumes which combine Roman


Lili Taylor in The Haunting.

motifs of breast plates and helmets with neo-classical uniforms, 1930s clothing and characters driving 1940s and 50s style automobiles. In one scene, **Anthony Hopkins** as Titus, wears armor while speaking into a 40's style radio microphone displaying the letters SPQR. The cast includes **Jessica Lange**, **Jonathan Rhys-Meyers** (Velvet Goldmine), **Angus MacFadyen** (The Lost Language of Cranes) and **Alan Cumming** (Cabaret). Filming took place in Rome, Croatia and Tampa, FL. ▼▼▼

Go director **Doug Liman** has the black comedy See Jane Run as his next project. Filming began in LA April 17th with **Clea DuVall** as a chain-smoking suicidal waitress who moves into a life of petty crime. Don't confuse this with the 1995 telefilm of the same name which starred **Joanna Kerns.** You don't remember Joanna Kerns? ▼▼▼ Despite the dismal showings from recent films like The Mod Squad and My Favorite Martian, numerous TV series are being remade into motion pictures. Among those heading

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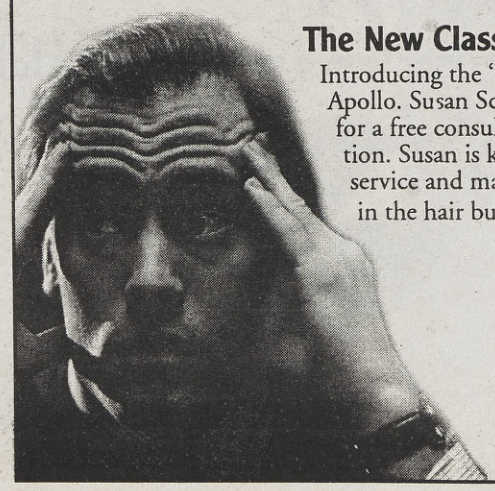
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IN HOLLYWOOD...

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toward production is Battlestar Galactica with a script by Mike Finch (Wing Commander). Mike Douglas in the Fred MacMurray role for a modern updating of My Three Sons and a new version of Hawaii Five-0. A planned big-screen version of 70s TV series Charlie's Angels now has a cast. It's **Cameron Diaz** (There's Something About Mary), **Angelina Jolie** (Gia) and **Drew Barrymore** (Never Been Kissed) who also serves as producer. Screenwriter **Ed Solomon** (Men in Black) is developing a campy script with a feminist point of view. Producers are trying to sign up original angels, **Farrah Fawcett**, **Kate Jackson** and

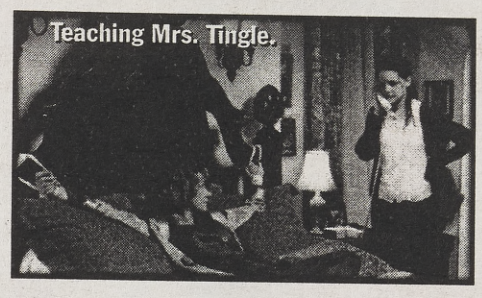
Sir Elton John

Jaqueline Smith for cameo roles. ▼▼▼

THEATRE

Danny Pintauro (Who's The Boss) can currently be seen in a NY production of The Velocity of Gary. Originally written and performed by playwright James Still, the show takes the naïve title character on a tour of the world of drug dealers, drag queens and porn stars. Pintauro, who came out a few years ago, recently graduated from Stanford with a degree in, what else.... Theatre. A film version of the play, without Pintauro is expected to be released late this Summer. The cast features **Ethan Hawke**, **Salma Hayek** and **Vincent D'Onofrio**. ▼▼▼

The sold out run of **Neil LaBute's** play, bash starring **Calista Flockhart** has been extended but without the Ally McBeal star. The show's original close date was July 25th which allowed Flockhart to return her series which beings taping in early August. Negotiations are underway for **Sarah Jessica Parker** (Sex in the City) to replace Flockhart while other cast members, **Paul Rudd** (The Object of my Affection) and **Ron Eldard** (ER) remain with the production. Author LaBute described this collection of three one-acts as the story of beautiful people doing awful things. The third segment, titled A Gaggle of Saints is a disturbing tale of a Mormon who beats a Gay man to death while on a NY vacation. ▼▼▼


Teaching Mrs. Tingle.

MISC.

Liz Smith made a wonderful supportive reference to the gay community in a recent column. In a follow-up to her piece in Time Magazine on the five greatest romances of the 20th century she added **Alice B. Toklas** and **Gertrude Stein**. The columnist went on to clarify that of the other couples, which included **Elizabeth Taylor** and **Richard Burton**, **Charles** and **Anne Lindbergh** and the **Duke** and **Duchess of Windsor**, the Lesbian duo had the longest-running "best marriage." Go Liz! ▼▼▼ A company called Flatt World Figures is releasing a series of collectable action figures from the movie The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Expected on store shelves this September, fans and collectors can pick up their own versions of **Dr. Frank-N-Furter**, **Riff Raff** and of course the Diva of Dementia herself, **Magenta**. What? No Rocky?

THE ARTS

Sacramento Ballet Announces Innovative Season

Something for everyone is the best way to describe the Sacramento Ballet's 1999-2000 season. The season features several traditional ballets for audiences who love classical ballet, as well as many innovative ballets to expand the Ballet's audiences - including the younger and less-traditional crowds.

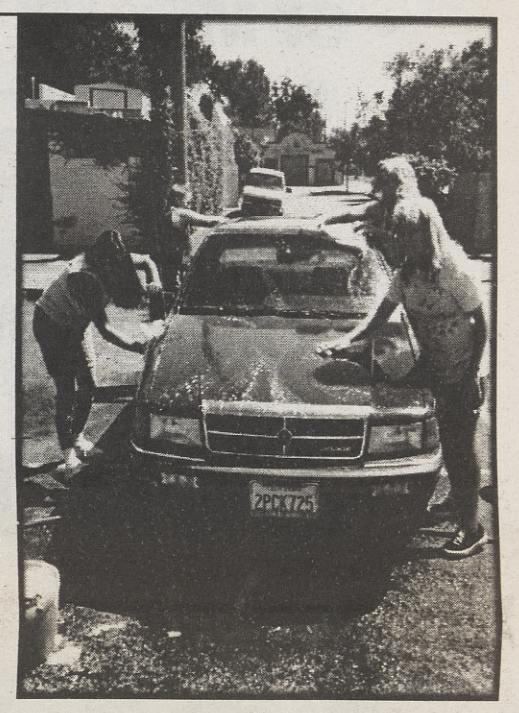
The 1999/2000 Ballet season opens in October with "A Streetcar Named Desire", Ron Cunningham's World Premiere interpretation of the Tennessee Williams' classic story of a woman with a past, set in sultry New Orleans. This season, the hour-long "Streetcar" brings another classic play to the dance stage. Also on the program for the October series is: "Serenade", an enduring masterpiece from the genius of George Balanchine; "Instinct", a whimsical look at extinction by New York choreographer David Parsons; and "Jump Jive", with its fabulous retro-swing music.

"Instinct" has two dancers who appear as one animal being stalked, choreographed by one of the New York's premiere choreographers.

Experience the passion and pageantry of the world's most famous love story in "Romeo and Juliet", playing Valentine's weekend, based on Shakespeare's tragic love story of love, was performed by the Sacramento Ballet in 1995. "Romeo and Juliet" plays February 10 through 13, 2000.

Mercantile Car Wash Raises Funds

Emperor Oscar organized a "Car Wash and Taco Feed" at The Merc on July 4th, raising $376 benefitting Project H.A.C.E.R. for HIV car for the Latino Community.



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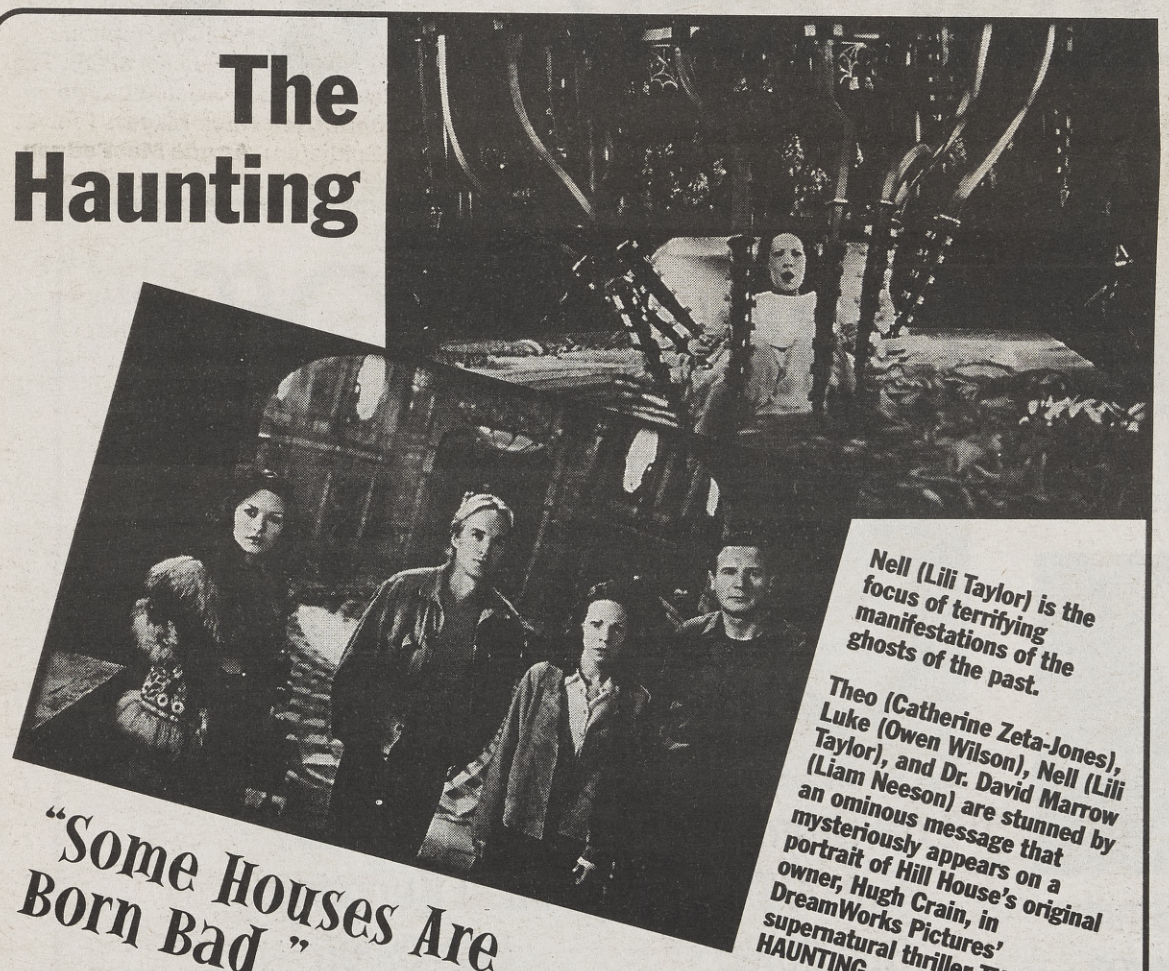

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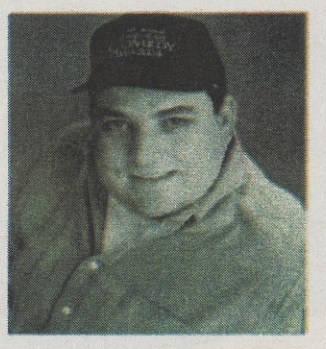

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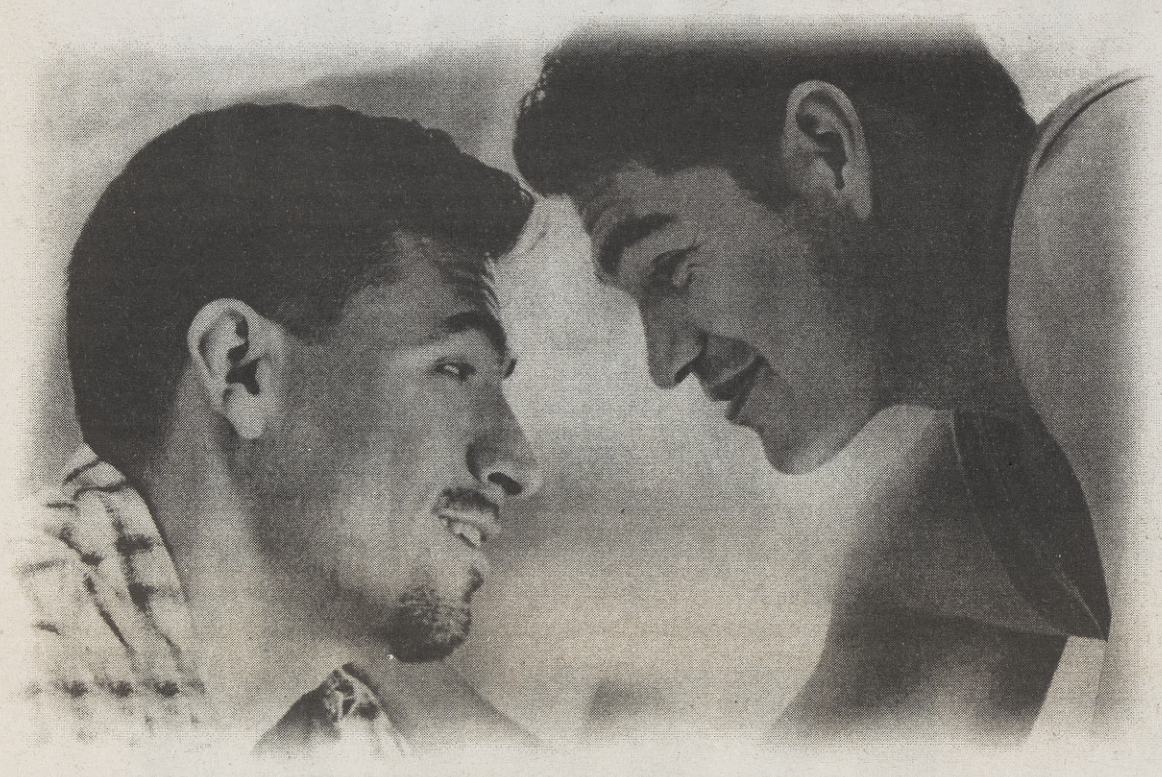
For Gay Teens, Growing Pains Hit Harder

When I was 13, I was a goggle-eyed, skinny-minny in love with Kevin Jessup. When I couldn't get Kevin to notice me, I turned my attention to a pen pal I'd known in elementary school, someone who I'll call "Bobby".

"Bobby still remembers me!" I wrote in my diary on Oct. 20, 1973. "My cousin wrote and told me and sent me his address. I can't wait for him to answer!"

I sprayed the letter with lemon-scented perfume and waited for a reply.



"Jan. 18, 1974: I got a letter AND a picture from Bobby! Yeah! He said that he had written two before, but they came back."

Feeling out of place

I'd forgotten how important it is for teens to discover that they can be loved by someone other than their parents. But when I read Clifford Chase's anthology, **"Queer 13: Lesbian and Gay Writers Recall Seventh Grade," Weisbach Books 1998, $24**, I realized how hard it is for those young and gay.

One story in the collection was Doug Jones' "1976".

When he was a kid, he wrote fiction stories in his diary. One story bears chilling parallels to events in today's headlines:

"Scott just didn't fit into the school," wrote Jones. "There were the 'cowboys', which he really despised, and the jocks, which he just plain wasn't. During exercises, he wished there was a group for the cultured, the learned, the 'smart' people... but that was wishful thinking."

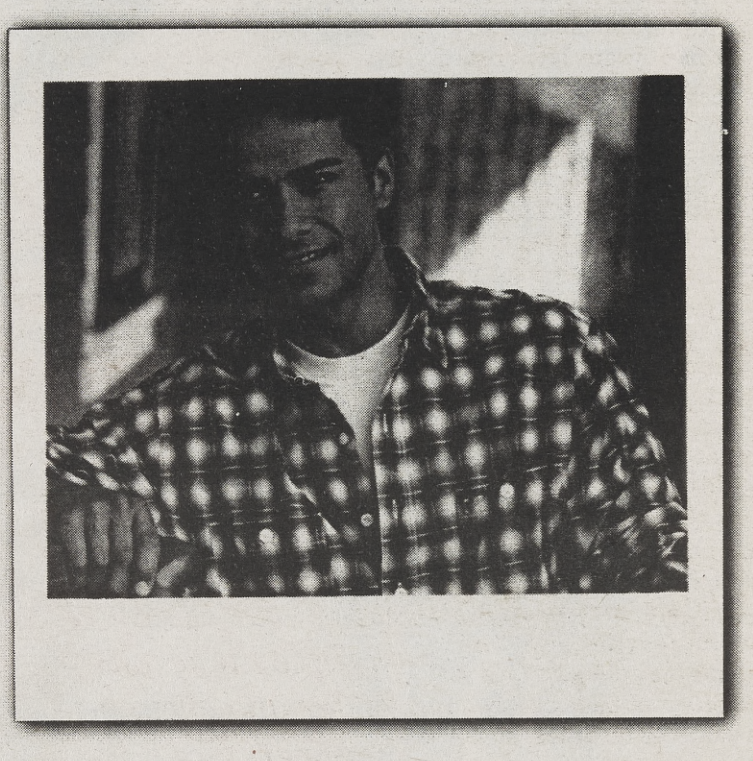
The story then tells of Scott's torment, especially by a kid named Jimmy. One day, Jimmy tackled Scott so viciously that Scott hit his head and fell into a coma.

For me, that account mirrored the Trench Coat Mafia at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. I recalled initial witness reports that the ostracized boys have been taunted with epithets against gays. I wondered if the violence could be stemmed, at least a part, from that.

"I don't know if the kids at Columbine were gay or not," says Diane Rae Kavanagh, director of a youth program at Ferndale-based Affirmations, an organization serving gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community. "But their stories echo what I hear every day from kids in our program. Many kids go through torture at that age - whether it's because they're overweight or they have odd tastes. But for kids who are homosexual, it's just one more reason to get picked on."

As a result, many teens she sees weekly are angry, self-destructive, or suicidal.

Indeed, a study published in The Journal of Pediatrics last year said that gay, lesbian, and bisexual teens are three times more likely to have attempted suicide, nearly five times more likely to have missed school for safety concerns and more than four times as likely to have been threatened with a weapon at school than their heterosexual counterparts.



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Later, the truth

In college, I learned that Bobby is gay. After reading "Queer 13", I wondered if he knew it even at 13, and had delayed responding to my lemon-scented letter as he struggled with how to do it.

In the end, he played along, perhaps finding it easier to escape taunting if he could profess a long-distance girlfriend who sent him perfumed letters. I hope his teen years didn't dash his ability to love himself. And I hope that as an adult, he has found a wonderful man who can return his love.

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HOME & GARDEN

Sacramento Garden Notes

By Robert Hamm
Mgw Staff

July is normally hot and dry and a bit awkward for gardners. Many items start looking ratty by late month so I want to give some special notes.

Spiderwort (Tradescantia) can look long and lanky with a few blooms by late July or early August. Cut it virtually to the ground – it will regrow and bloom all fall. It is used to a shorter growing season.

Hosta – If your Hosta look eaten and shredded in late July or August, a good feeding and cutting way back will cause new growth spurt of fresh leaves. Again, Hosta are from shorter season area. Overcrowded plants can be divided when cut back; I propagate many at this time and have nice plants by fall.

Wisteria – Can be hard cut in July and still get enough growth to bloom in the spring.

Azalea, Rhododendron, Camellia Japonica (C. sasanqua may already have set) and Pierres set buds in July for next year – as do **Lilies**, do not cut back after July.

Fall-blooming **Asters** and **Chrysanthemums** should have there last cutback no later than mid-July or they may not bloom this fall. The reason for some of the above is that June 21 was the longest day of the year and the days are getting shorter.. Many plants react to this – not all in the same ways. Knowing how different plants react takes either years of practice or a good teacher. Many of these facts are overlooked in garden books. Other plants that can be cut back if overgrown, but not after mid – to late July include **Salvia leucantha (Mexican Sage), Salvia elegans (Pineapple Sage), Salvia pitcheri**. All of these are fall – bloomers here. A general rule: Fall bloomers are not cut after July 15th.

Speaking of pruning – a less known fact is that most Europeans prune fruit trees in summer. Of course it is less drastic than our dormant winter method but has the advantage of letting you see the results better and even the hummers like it. Other color forms are also available.

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Hibiscus coccineus – a hardy mallow hibiscus with cut foliage and red flowers. Limited number available. **Hemerocallis Daylilies** – I have several of the smaller red blooming forms available including **Lemon Lollipop – Lemon yellow**, fragrant., **Cranberry Baby** – Cranberry red, **Yellow Banquet** – Double yellow Yellow, **Lollipop** – Single yellow, **Happy Returns** – Yellow, newer, all summer bloom, **Stella d'Oro** – Golden yellow, the original reblooming day lily standard.

Also of note, although not reblooming, is **Summer Wine**, a wine (orchid) purple bloomer. Lots and lots of new perennials and other plants. Of the new line of house plants for pots, about 800 pots are ready, as are some of the ornamental **Sweet Potatoes, Ipomoea,** in the following forms, **Tricolor** (green, white, and pink leaves), **Margarita** (lemon yellow leaves), and **Blackie** (cut purple – black folage).

The Ipomoea are not freeze hardy but the number of tubers (they are sweet potatoes after all!) that form in fall can be wintered over if they do not freeze and are kept dryish.

The first of the **Begonia** are ready in smallish numbers with coming along for later. **Heuchera Cathedral Windows** --dark purple leaves with heavy pewter overlay on this hybird. **Tiarella Elizabeth Oliver** – another new one with deeply cut (almost fingered) leaves with dark markings in the leaf center.

A couple of easy to grow **cacti** not seen on the market much here are, **Chamaercereus slyvestri – Peanut Cactus** – Low cylindrical tubes with folded, brown spines and large brilliant red blooms anually. **Cereus tetragonus – Jewel cactus** – face upright columns that branch heavily giving an effect like a crystal (or jewel) growth.

THE ARTS

Ballet On Broadway

The Sacramento Ballet and Sacramento Light Opera Association, producer of Music Circus and The Broadway Series will join together to present Ballet on Broadway on Saturday , September 11th at Pavillions. This Gala event to benefit both organzitions will be a song and dance celebration created by the two senior artisic minds in Sacramento SLOA Produing Director Leland Ball and Ballet Artistic Director Ron Cunningham. The entertainment for the evening promises to be a rousing tribute to the impact of ballet on the Great White Way, and a lifetime of special memories. The event is sponsored by Robert Powell, owner of the Pavilions.

"The conribution of ballet to Broadway is something people don't think about," said Cunningham. "Many choreographers brought ballet to broadway musicals such as West Side Story, A Chorus Line, Carousel and many others. There have also been many songs about dance and ballet in numerous Broadway shows including "At The Ballet From A Chorus Line."

This first collaboration between the Ballet and SLOA will include the entertainment as the centerpiece of an evening of fine food, gracious company and dancing under the stars in the matchless elegance of the Pavilions. The evening begins at 7pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner at 8pm in the Pavilions Courtyard. The entertainment begins at 9pm featuring artists from the Sacramento Light Opera Association and Sacramento Ballet. The performance will focus on the conributions of Ballet to Broadway. Following the enteraintment, guests are invited to dance under the stars.

Tickets for the black tie optional event are $250 per person. Tables of ten and special corporate tables are also available. Seating is limited for this spectacular and unique evening. All proceeds benefit the Sacramento Ballet and Sacramento Light Opera Association.

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THE ARTS

Sacramento Opera Hires New Executive Director

Symphony professional George Sinclair will draw upon 20 years of executive in arts and financial administration in his new position as executive director of the Sacramento Opera. He will work with Tim Rolek, the Opera's recently hired artistic director.

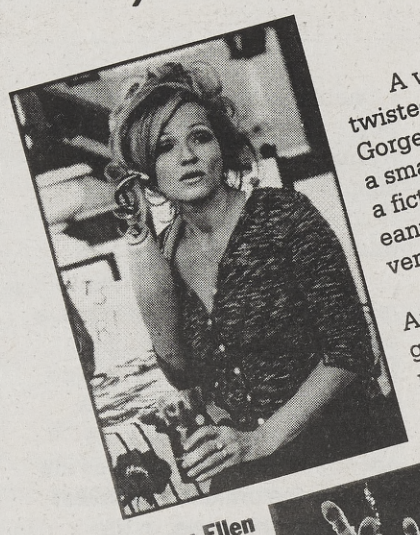
Sinclair was orchestra manager for the Sacramento Symphony Association in 1986-1991. His involvement in the 1991 Public Broadcasting Service's "Prelude to a Season" special produced by KVIE-TV was recognized with a Northern California Emmy Award certificate.

He served as executive of the Stockton Symphony Association in 1991-1996,and as general manager of the Napa Valley Symphony Association in 1981-1986 and the West Shore Symphony Orchestra in Michigan in 1979-1981. He also worked in the financial services industy and co-founded a weekly newspaper.

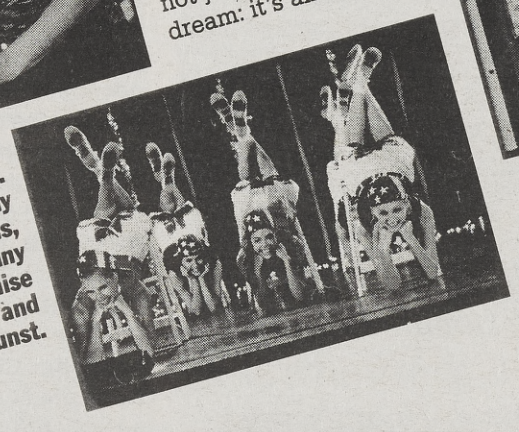
Active in the American Symphony Orchestra and Association of California Symphony Orchestras,Sinclair holds a bachelor's degree in music performance and education from Pennsylvana's Westminster College, and a master's degree in arts administration from the Indiana University School of Business.

FILM SNAPSHOTS...

Drop Dead Gorgeous



A wickedly colorful, twisted comedy, Drop Dead Gorgeous probes the heart of a small Minnesota town where a fictional teen beauty pageant has unleashed a fury of very unladylike behavior. Here in the hallowed American heartlan, going after the tiara is not just a fairy-tale dream: it's all-out war.



Above: Ellen Barkin. Left: Amy Adams, Brittany Murphy, Denise Richards and Kirsten Dunst.

Top: Kirsten Dunst and Denise Richards go 'head-to-head." Bottom: Mindy Sterling, Kirstie Alley, Denise Richards and Sam McMurray.

PETS

Animal lovers gather at the "Travel Dog" booth during Sacramento's Gay Pride Fair '99 in Southside Park. Many people brought their kids (canines)!!

Sacramento SPCA's New Policies Affecting Strays

Sacramento, CA- Senate Bill 1785 (Hayden), was signed into law and went into affect on July 1, 1999, the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is redefining their animal care policies. SB 1785 lengthens the period during which stray dogs and cats, feral cats, and owner-relinquished animals are to be held in animal pounds and shelters. As a non-government contract agency, the SSPCA is not obligated, nor has the capacity, to house strays for the required five business days.

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Story and Photo by Sonya Cox
MGW Staff

Are you fairly sure of your software, but terrified of your hardware? Do you know the difference between your RAM and your Hard Drive? Can you get by with a small one? Is it time to invest on a really big one?

Does the thought of buying a new computer, monitor and printer scare you silly? You just want to play with the e-mail feature, you say? Can you reasonable assess how a website relates to future income and might give you an edge in your small business?

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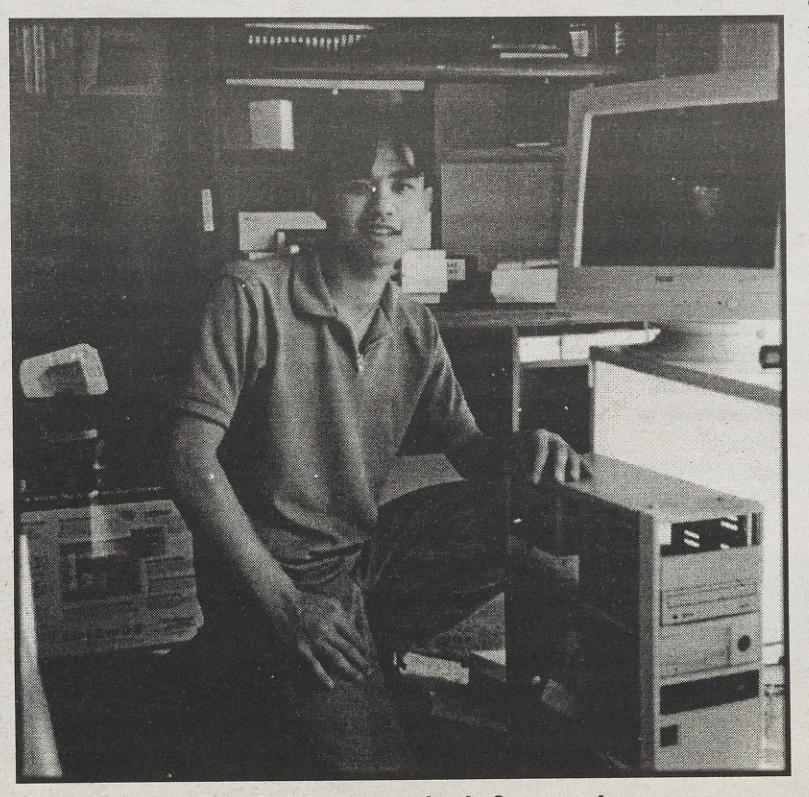
"Not so long ago, a small local shop could rely on word-of-mouth to make a name for itself," says Bryan Wu, president of Global Computing in Sacramento. "But no more. Now it's got to shine as the brightest flower in the bunch."



Bryan Wu, president of Global Computing in Sacramento.

Bryan's one-one-one personal approach can show you how to stand out.

"Photo editing applications, Internet files, and graphics programs all stretch your capacity to the limit," says Bryan, 26. "Now, people have to think bigger, and find they're almost forced to have some understanding of how to get the most from their computers."

"But often, clients don't need expanded equipment - they simply need advice on how to compress photos or otherwise, save space on their hard drives. Our company's needs assessment capability can give our clients the biggest bang for their buck.

"Not just businesses need computer assistance these days. Individuals at home are finding they need more know-how and have their own specific space needs as well," says Bryan.

"It is easy to end up with duplicate programs installed that are wasting hard drive space. And clients often aren't aware of how to clean out unneeded backup files that are automatically made their programs," he says.

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"We're dedicated to helping our clients through the web of technology," he says.

Bryan's passionate belief in bringing computer technology to everyone led him last year to start Global Computing with a staff of six field experts specializing in both PCS and Macintosh, as well as computer hardware and software, internet, web site design/hosting, Windows NT ® networking, messaging, databases, computer training, and other areas of high-growth field. In true American-dream fashion, the company operates out of Bryan's home office.

To their combined electronic talents, Bryan's added ingenuity and know-how make up the ingredients than can help those who are often overwhelmed by the rapid growth of technology and capabilities of today's complex array of computers. Which is the right one for you? Advice and assistance is at hand with this group!

"People want simple solutions that work and won't break the bank," says Bryan. "They also want one reliable source for all their computer needs. We're like one-stop shopping - we can provide the hardware and the software, the solutions, and the support people need."

"And when it's time to make a purchase, buying your hardware and software through us makes sense because we're aware of the best prices available, and we're accountable for installing your purchase and making it work," he says.

"People these days won't have the time to place a call for help 5 times, and sit on hold for 45 minutes. It's just not worth it to them. My team and I can give quick phone advice, or schedule a visit for more complex problems or for special software installations."

"Possible problems with Year 2000 compatibility is a legitimate concern for about 50% of people with home or office computers. Compatibility will ultimately affect the way many organizations will or will not be able to tun their businesses into the next century (which is in just a few months!)," he says. "We can advice and assist clients in making sure they have an effective century compliance plan so they can glide into the new millennium trouble free.

"And most important of all," he says, "we can save people money by providing a solution that fits their budget. Call us today (916/602-0403, or email: bryan@image2k.com) to make stress-free technology work for you."

Lambda Letter's Improved Web Page

Today, Boyce Hinman, Administrator of the Lambda Letters Project, unveiled a new feature of the Lambda Letters Web Page. The page now has a link to dozens of newspapers across California that enables civil rights advocates and ordinary citizens, to send letters to the editor via e-mail.

It's simple to do. Just go to Lambda Letters' web page at www.lambdaletters.org, and click on the "Links" button and then clicking on the "Newspaper With E-mail" link. Choose a newspaper from the list that appears and click on its name. Then simply use the paper's feedback form to send a message to the paper.

Hinman notes that letters to the editor are the second thing (after the comics) read by most people. Thus letters to the editor can have an immense impact of the public's view on the subjects of importance to the community. Lambda Letters' new web page feature is offered to help the community take advantage of this media opportunity.

Hinman added that Lambda Letters' e-mail alerts are also to inform the public of fast breaking legislative events. Legislative alerts provide background information on important legislation as well as sample letters which the public may use to write to their legislators on these bills. The alerts also provide legislator's e-mail addresses. The whole process makes it easy for people to express their views to their legislators.

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Home-Use Tests For HIV Can Be Inaccurate, FTC Warns

If you've tested yourself at home for HIV — Human Immunodeficiency Virus, the virus that causes AIDS — you may want to do it again. According to the Federal Trade Commission, some home-use test kits can give users false information about their HIV status.

The FTC recently tested HIV kits advertised and sold on the Internet for self diagnosis at home. In every case, the kits showed a negative result when used on a known HIV-positive sample — that is, when they should have shown a positive result. Using one of these kits could give a person who might be infected with HIV the false impression that he or she is not infected.

The FDA has approved one HIV home collection test system for sale in the U.S. — the Home Access Express HIV-1 Test System. Manufactured by Home Access Health Corporation, this home system allows consumers to collect the sample in the privacy of their home, then requires that the sample be sent to a laboratory for analysis.

Safe, reliable HIV testing can be done only through a medical professional or a clinic, or through use of the Home Access Express HIV-1 Test System, says the FTC.

Looking Queer Brings Eating Disorders

The "healthy" look in magazines like Men's Health and the porn-star perfection have taken their toll. According to author Dawn Atkins, recent studies about self-image, body weight and health have shown that the number of eating disorders are higher among gay men than previously thought.

Atkins' book (Looking Queer: Body Image and Identity in Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Communities) was the first to include essays by a wide range of queer people, examining how we look at our bodies, and how other issues of class, race and homophobia affect our negative self-image.

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Some of the down sides are all too clear. Crash diets and dangerous surgical procedures can kill you. In1998, one San Francisco gym trainer made headlines when he died from a questionable liposuction procedure to remove that "extra tire of flab."

Of course most of us just live with what we see as our faults. This is what makes us human. Becoming well-adjusted about our bodies is only part of maturing. Finding a balance between obsessing and healthymaintenance is the key to being well-balanced in our bodies and our minds.

Hepatitis C Home Test Approved

MGW Staff

FDA granted approval of the home test kit based on studies of approximately 1,200 people. Home testing yielded results similar to those obtained when healthcare professionals collected blood specimens.

Home Access Health Company president Richard Quattrocchi told MGW that the test "...is greater than 99% accurate." Hepatitis C Check developer Dr. Michael Wandell added that the test "...had a sensitivity of 99.4% and a specificity of 100% in our clinical trials."

Hepatitis C Check, manufactured by Home Access Health Company contains a lancet for obtaining a specimen of blood, a specimen collection card, a personal identification number, and a prepaid mailer.

Patients can obtain their results anonymously or through a healthcare counselor. Home Access Health offers education, counseling, and referral if necessary for hepatitis C infection.

Breast Cancer Screening Device More Accurate

by Mary Ann Swissler
MGW Staff

Research began in Sacramento on a unique, safer and more accurate device to detect breast cancer. Electroscan measures electrical impulses emanating from breast tissue and looks more like a computer gadget out of Silicon Valley. Researchers hope to prove Electroscan is more precise, safer, and a less costly alternative to traditional mammography.

Sutter Cancer Center will recruit 100 female test subjects to develop and measure the effectiveness of what is called the Biolectric Breast Scan, the brainchild of inventor and public policy activist Barry Hirschowitz and electric engineer Kwok Li.

Hirschowitz is one of the co-authors of 2993 California Breast Cancer Act, legislation funding a breast research and an early detection program (BCEPD) for uninsured and underinsured women through the state tobacco tax. "BCEPD provides for non-radiological diagnostic services, support services, and advocacy for non-radiological tests," he said. "Well, if mine doesn't work, a blood test might be developed and it will still be cheaper and more accurate."

The medical community and public officials need to aggressively seek alternatives to mammography like this Bio-Scan machine or blood tests, said Hirschowitz, because tumors can grow for some 10 years before showing up at a mammogram or before they can be felt during a self-exam. With Electroscan technology biopsy can be avoided maintaining 90% accuracy by analyzing the electrical signatures generated by each breast's tissue structure.

He estimates the cost of each machine at $35,000, compared to an average of $250,000 for each mammography unit. "You can use it in more clinical settings," he said. Officials estimate that only 20% of the target population is reached through mammograms, although

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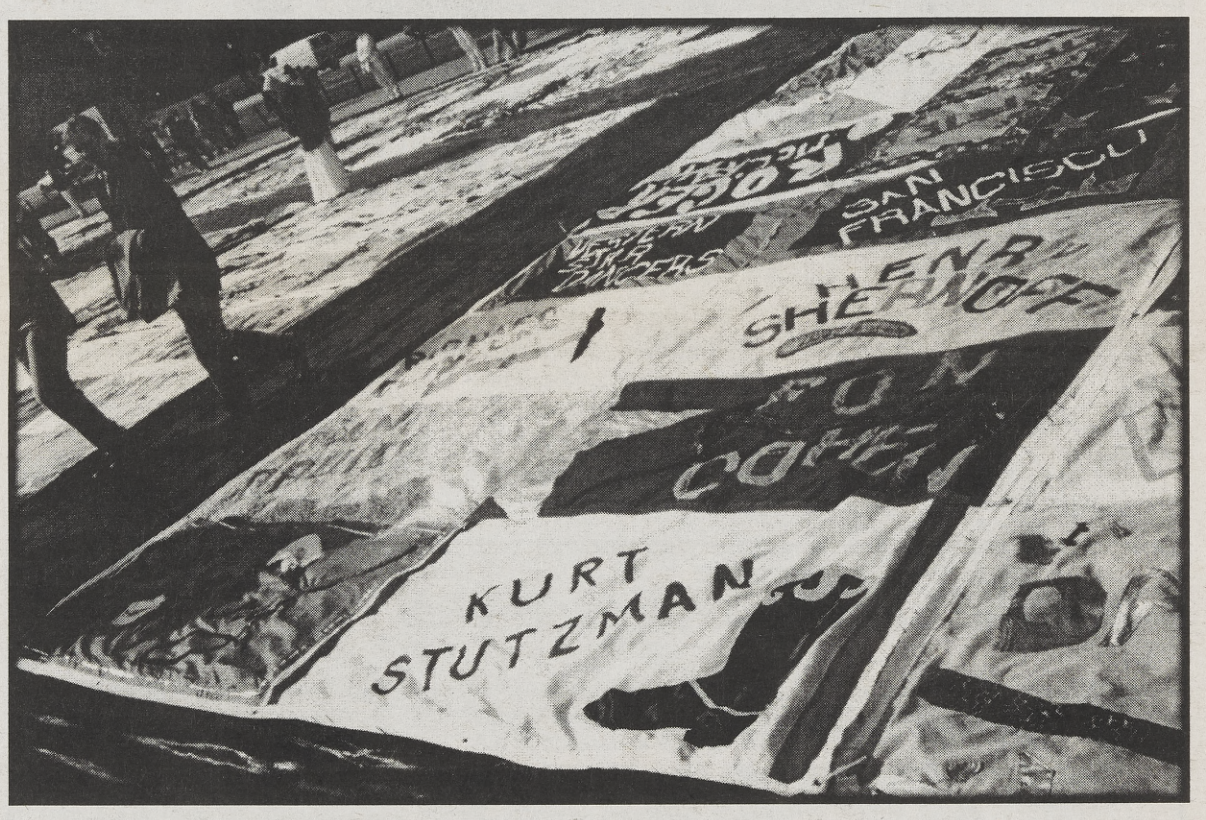

The entire AIDS Quilt is in San Francisco until August 20 for the annual inventory. Upon its return, panels will be displayed by the Sacramento Chapter at the Sacramento Gay Rodeo in August, the Rainbow Festival in September, at numerous World AIDS Day events in November and December, and at other venues. For a complete schedule, or to request that a specific panel be brought to Sacramento for viewing, or for info on making a panel, call 484-5646. *(Photo by Sonya Cox)*

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ON THE HIV FRONT...

On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Safety climbs in New York, but dips elsewhere...

A survey conducted by New York City officials and Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), one of the country's leading HIV educators, indicates that gay men in New York City are significantly cutting back on risky sexual behavior. In the study of 7,650 gay and bisexual males between the ages of 12 and 88, about one in seven are HIV-positive, compared to one infection in three in 1985. In addition, about 9 out of 10 participants had been tested for HIV (with men over 60 and under 24 least likely to have been tested). Additionally, use of condoms for first anal intercourse increased to about 78 percent compared to 34 percent in 1985 (with African-American and Hispanic men least likely to engage in risk reduction behaviors). The numbers were celebrated in the city's recent Gay Pride Parade.

Sadly, things are shifting in other states regardless of number of AIDS cases. Numerous reports now suggest that the number of gay men not using condoms is on the rise in San Francisco. Many there and in other California cities — despite the education available — apparently perceive that drug cocktails have made HIV a long-term, manageable disease for everyone, that testing positive is no longer a devastating event. Idaho is also reporting an increase in new HIV infections, spurring state health officials to encourage individuals, particularly those at high risk, to be tested for the virus. There have been six new cases of HIV infection in the past three months, compared to their average one case every three months. Approximately 600 people in Idaho have been diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.

Meds for the poorest of the poor...

Vice President Al Gore says he backs South Africa's attempt to get cheaper AIDS drugs, as long as the country complies with international trade regulations regarding importing and licensing. AIDS activists say that Gore, in his role as co-chair of the U.S./South Africa Bi-national commission, opposes allowing South Africa to make low-cost AIDS drugs for its 3.2 million infected citizens. Gore has stated he wants to make sure compulsory licensing agreements are maintained so U.S. drug manufacturers will be able to recoup their losses from developing world customers, and maintain enough profit levels to be able to continue to develop new AIDS medications. Activists say the result is that Gore, on behalf of the U.S. companies, wants some of the poorest people in the world to pay U.S. prices for their drugs. Drug company profits from last year alone — Glaxo-Wellcome made $4.43 billion, Bristol-Myers Squibb made $3.64 billion, and Pfizer made $3.35 billion.

To get the attention of U.S. pharmaceutical companies, the World Bank is offering a $5 billion package to any of them willing to help create a cheap HIV vaccine for people in the poorest parts of the world. Possibly finding a future vaccine has no impact, of course, on the fact that 90 percent of the 33 million people worldwide with HIV live in these developing nations, and have little chance of obtaining current medications.

In the meantime, plans are underway by UN-AIDS to purchase 400,000 female condoms for distribution in 14 sub-Saharan and Southeast Asian nations. Over 6 million female condoms have already been distributed in 16 developing countries at a reduced cost. A recent study indicates that South African women find the female condom to be an acceptable method of birth control.

D.C. paper sends powerful needle exchange message...

An editorial in the *Washington Post* supports needle-exchange programs in the District of Columbia. D.C. has the highest rate of new HIV infections in the country, and the AIDS death rate in the city is seven times the national average. "As if this weren't tragic enough," the editors note, "the city also has to contend with needle-exchange opponents attacking a program that has — through the Whitman Walker Clinic — reduced the spread of HIV by causing a 29 percent drop in the number of drug injections." The programs — backed by the American Medical Association, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Bar Association, and the Dept of Health and Human Services — have not been found to promote drug use, and yet Congress has prohibited the District from funding needle-exchange programs and has ended any federal funding for private groups that sponsor such programs in the city. The editorial was written in hopes that Congress will reverse its stand when developing the District's fiscal year 2000 budget.

FDA approves Abbott drug...

Nearly a year after Abbott had to halt the sale of the capsule form of Norvir because of production-related problems, the company says it has recently obtained Food and Drug Administration permission to sell a soft-gelatin capsule form of the drug. Since last July, Norvir has been available only in liquid form, but Abbott said the newly approved version would be available as early as next week. The capsules can be kept at room temperature for 30 days, but Abbott is encouraging patients to keep the product refrigerated.

Lawmaker questions abstinence programs...

Rep. Nancy L. Johnson (R-Conn.), chair of the House subcommittee on human resources, has instructed the committee to examine changing the language of federal school assistance guidelines to fund pregnancy-prevention programs as well as abstinence-only programs as mandated under federal guidelines. Currently, funding requests must follow eight guidelines, including that they require sexual abstinence be taught as the "expected standard" of behavior before marriage and that they require participants to be warned that non-marital sex has negative consequences on children, parents, and society. Citing time for reality and change, Johnson says, "These kids live in a mixed-message world, and to have a program that is not capable of talking about both [abstinence and contraception] is a weakness."

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One California county with no cases...

Alpine County is the only county in California that has not reported any cases of AIDS since the state began keeping statistics on the disease in 1981. In addition, only one Alpine resident come in for HIV testing in recent years. Health officials admit that the statistics are likely misleading, because residents likely seek testing and treatment across county lines. (A local paramedic there says he has responded to several emergency cases involving HIV-infected individuals.) Despite the low rates, county officials continue to warn residents that they need be aware of HIV risk factors, particularly because of the large tourist population in the ski slope-filled region.

Another protease drug ready for testing...

A new protease drug under development, Tripranavir, appears to be active against many strains of HIV, including some that are resistant to other anti-HIV drugs. Researchers at Pharmacia and Upjohn hope to begin trials in people who are resistant to existing drugs later this year. In tests so far, only 3 of 107 mutated HIV strains were completely resistant to Tripranavir, and 8 were mildly resistant.

Private medical info on internet for chat line?...

The Treatment Data Project recently set up what they say could be the largest private database of private medical records online. The program aims to have people with AIDS share their experiences in the ever-changing treatment arena so benefits and problems with any therapies could possibly be identified without waiting for results of clinical trials, says the coalition of AIDS activists, computer experts, and health insurers that is organizing the effort. Activist Larry Kramer, who came up with the concept, says the data will go online next year on WebMD, an Internet health information provider. An outline of the data would be available to patients, researchers, and doctors, according to plans now being finalized with WebMD. Under the program, which will start at two test sites in New York and one in California, volunteers will fill out a questionnaire on subjects ranging from blood test results to how they are feeling. (A good time for a user-name alias here, one might imagine...)

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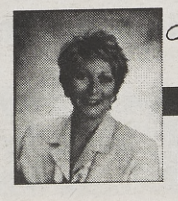

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last scenic drive to the farewell lunch via Fiddletown Road and the Shenadoah Valley with its vineyards and whitewashed country fences.

At the gas stop halfway to Shingle Springs, the Mercedes suddenly refused to restart. The resident mechanics suspected vapor lock and tried to cool the problem away, but to no success. After a half-hour of idle talk, someone asked what if the gas gauge was faulty? Several men pushed the car alongside a pump and watched as the car thirstily gulped down gas. The car started up immediately with cheers from the group. Meanwhile, Bruce kept insisting that the car had simply cooled and un-vapor locked itself in that time.

The travelers proceeded towards Poor Red's in El Dorado for a BBQ ribs and steak lunch, where Bruce bought a round of drinks to atone for his vehicular offences. The house specialty, Gold Cadillacs, were smooth and deceivingly potent, and were great for the hot day. The ribs were juicy and smoky, and the group joked and ate and licked their fingers and drank. Lunch ended far too soon, and everyone soon bade farewell to one another with hugs and phone numbers. The entourage made their separate ways back home waving from classic cars and bikes alike as each took their respective offramps home.

The Valley Knights invites guests to join them on the their next event, their 23rd annual campout in the Tahoe National Forest on July 30-31, and August1. The run will start off with a beautiful, twisting country road to a private lakeside campground 5200 ft high in the cool Sierras. A hot home cooked dinner of beef stew with rolls will greet the guests and plenty of great sites for tents will be available. The campsite has picnic tables, 2 large fire pits, bathrooms with sinks and flush toilets. There will be hiking, good food, skinny dipping, people events and bike events there, so everyone should get to know everyone else a little better. As evening approaches and the air cools off, there will be a couple of roaring campfires surrounded by rugged men, all laughing and talking and drinking into the night under the full moon and stars.

Cost per person is $69 for the 2-night getaway. This covers all campground fees, dinner Friday night, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, as well as Sundayís continental breakfast. The cost also covers soft drinks and hard drinks all weekend, people events and bike events, and a commemorative pin. Auto and RV parking is available for an additional $5 per vehicle, so car pooling is encouraged. Applications may be found at the Mercatile and the Bolt, and on the internet at http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood?6344/fm.htm. Info Gerard, 455-6540.

Cancer

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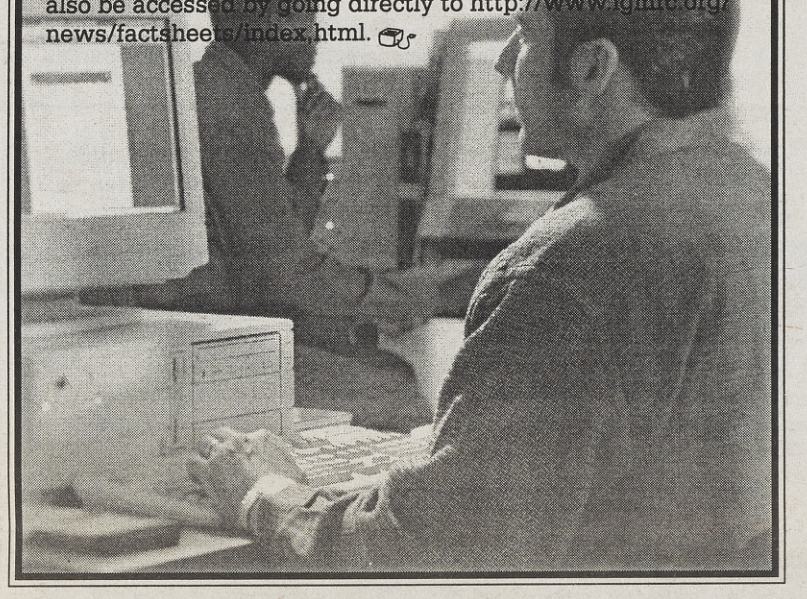
free low-cost programs have sprouted throughout the country, including California'sBCEDP and the U.S. Center for Disease Control's Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCCP).

"The technology is basically a laptop computer which outreach workers can schlep out to the inner city health clinics," said Hirschowitz, who said that lower income populations are especially important to reach since statistics have shown they go to the doctors less often and are detected to have serious dideases at a later stage. "My system is even lightweight enough to outreach workers to take door to door."

THE INTERNET CONNECTION...

Gay Rights Web Page

Are you looking for a quick reference to places around the world where homosexuality is illegal? Have you been looking for information about gay and lesbian partnership laws around the world? Answers to these questions and many more are now posted by the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) via their web page. To access the fact sheets go to www.iglhrc.org, click on "news and events" and then click on "fact sheets," The fact sheets can also be accessed by going directly to http://www.iglhrc.org/news/factsheets/index.html.



Clinton

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legislation; we must change hearts and minds as well. Our greatest hope is for a just society is to teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the fundamental values that we hold in common. As part of our efforts to achieve this goal, earlier this spring, I announced that the Departments of Justice and Education will work in partnership with educational and other private sector organizations to reach out to students and teach them that our diversity is a gift. In addition, the Department of Education has issued landmark guidelines that explains Federal standards against sexual harassment and prohibits sexual harassment of all students regardless of there sexual orientation; and I have ordered the Education Department's the civil rights office to step up its enforcement of anti-discrimination and harassment rules. That effort has resulted in a groundbreaking guide that provides practical guidance to school administrators and teachers for developing a comprehensive approach to protecting all students, including gays and lesbians from sexual harassment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen Hundred and ninety-nine, and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

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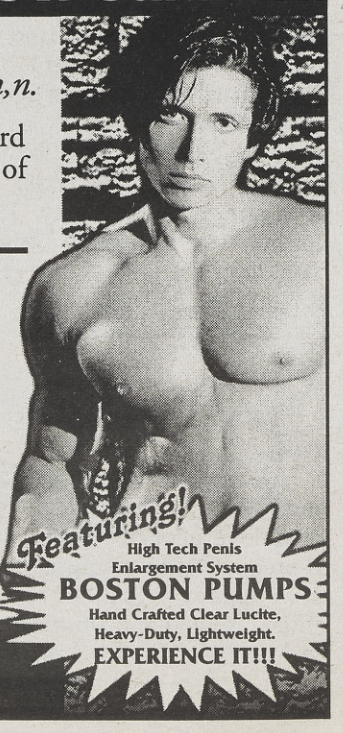

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CALENDAR

JULY

15th Thursday

THE ACTORS WORKSHOP PRESENTS BEYOND THERAPY, July 15th, 925-6579

YOUTH SUMMER BASKETBALL, Carmichael Recreation & Park District, through July 30th, 483-7826

BEING ALIVE LIVING ROOM, Lambda Center, 920 20th St. #117, 2:30pm, 442-0185

C.O.D.A., Lambda Center, 920 20th St. #117, 7:30pm, 442-0185

HIV Protease inhibitor support group, meets at Sacto. AIDS Foundation, 1330 21St. at 7:30-9:00pm Info: Call Dariel #452-4224

DAVID BROWN, author, Open Book, 910 21st St, 7pm, 498-1004

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS vs. Utah Starzz, Arco Arena, 1pm, 928-3650

50th TUOLUMNE LUMBER JUBILEE-The Carnival is in Town!, Tuolumne, CA, 1-800-266-6436, jubilee@lodelink.com

TOWE AUTO MUSEUM, Studebaker Driver's Club, 2200 Front Street, till July 31, 442-6802

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS, game night, call Ray 421-6209

NATIONAL QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL, theater, art, film & video, painting, dance photography, workshops, conferences and more, in San Francisco SomArts, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the Mission Cultural Center, BRAVA!, Theater Rhinoceros and Luna Sea, till 31st July, (415) 552-7709, www.queerculturalcenter.org.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL, Castro Theatre and other venues around the Bay Area, San Francisco, (415) 621-0556

WESTSIDE STORY, Music Circus Tent, 15th & H Streets, 446-5880 ext. 124

"ANIMALS AND ARTISTS", Daphne Stammer, Doiron Gallery, thru August 11, 564-4433

COFFEE OUT, GSAC, Natomas Starbucks, 7pm, 689-1927

16th Friday

BEING GAY TODAY, 2pm, Channels 17 or 73

GAY YOUTH GROUP, 1722 J St. @ Breaking Barriers, 6:30pm, 442-0185

HONORS NIGHT III, Rainbow Community Center, Round Hill Country Club, Alamo, 6pm, Kevin Johnson, 925/691-1152

LITERARY/SOCIAL GROUP, 451-7191

50th TUOLUMNE LUMBER JUBILEE-Carnival & Queen Coronation, Tuolumne, CA, 1-800-266-6436, jubilee@lodelink.com

ESPN X GAMES, Piers & 32, 392-9830 (Chris Stiepock)

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS-BACKPACKING AT PT. REYES, 736-9333 (Laura)

STOP MAKING SENSE, The Crest Theatre, 1310 k St, 7:30 and 9:15 pm

THE SACRAMENTO SITE FOR THE AIDSVAX, Sacramento Investigator Dr. Neil Flynn and current study participants, 8pm, http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/cafe/4506

BOOK SALE, Country Club Plaza, July 16 to18, 11am-6pm

RAINBOW CAMPERS, Bear River Lake, Route 88 past Jackson, till 18th July, call Kathleen 684-3741

CALIFORNIA WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL, Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, till 18th July, (530) 891-4081, www.californiafestival.com, chicoworld@aol.com

SACRED TREE ARTS PROJECT, Beyond the Proscenium Productions, Del Paso Blvd, 922-9774

17th Saturday

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, East side of Guy West Bridge (by CSUS), 9am, 974-8199

FARMERS MARKET-SUNRISE MALL, behind Sears, 8am-12pm

BEING GAY TODAY, 6am, Channel 17 or 73

LAVENDER CIRCLE ? Lesbian Discussion Group in Redding, 530-243-3891

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS vs. Los Angeles Sparks, Arco Arena, 7pm

SACRAMENTO AIDS FOUNDATION, Some Enchanted Evening, Sacramento

Capitol Club, Georgia Mering, 448-2437x228

SCORN WOMAN SALSA & MUSTARD & HOT SAUCE: Demonstration-Promotion, Oakhill Farms, Atlanta, Georgia, 916/929-4422

CARRIBBEAN SLOT TOURNAMENT, Casino Marketing Department, 800-950-2946

50th TUOLUMNE LUMBER JUBILEE-From Lumber Jack Breakfast to Arm

Wrestling, Tuolumne, CA, 1-800-266-6436, jubilee@lodelink.com

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS-DAY HIKE, 530/668-0691 (Suzanne)

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING, 448-2437, ext.228 (Georgia Mering)

AMADOR COUNTY WINE FESTIVAL, Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth, California 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL/TRANSGENDER PRIDE CELEBRATION PARADE, Castro District, 415-864-free

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, dot planning meeting, Potluck/brunch, 11am, 971/9337

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, Video Potluck, 334/9361

QUEER SWING DANCE, The California Club, 1750 Clay Street, San Francisco, 7-8:30pm, (415) 339-8103

DUVAL SPECK, Cafe Roma, 223 Third St., Davis, 7pm

DESSERT SAMPLING, call David Berkley, 929-4422

PLANT SALE, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Parking Lot 8, 21st Street, 9am-5pm

WORKSHOP, 6009 Folsom Boulevard, 2-4pm

QUEER CORNER" from Donald Olson, Open Book, 910 21st Street, 498-1004

BOOKS BY THE BAY, bookstore booths, author readings and sightings, live music, Pier 32, South Beach, San Francisco, (415) 927-3937

DREAMS AND DIATRIBES, Beyond the Proscenium Productions, Del Paso Blvd, 966-3683

EPPIE'S GREAT RACE, triathlon, volunteers needed, call 875-6640

18th Sunday

FARMERS MARKET-CAPITOL CITY FREEWAY, 8th & W St., under Capitol City Freeway, 8am-12pm

WATERCRAFT POKER RUN ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEPORT, Edgewater Resort, Clear Lake, 800/396-6224

THE ANNUAL BETH SHALOM JEWISH FOOD FAIRE AND CRAFT SALE, 4746 El Camino Ave., Carmichael, 8am-4pm, 485-4478

50th TUOLUMNE LUMBER JUBILEE-From Craft Faire to Working Truck Show, Tuolumne, CA, 1-800-266-6436

FOODSERVICE SANITATION CLASS, Cosumnes River College, 8am-5pm, 688-7415

DANGEROUS LIASONS: BLACKS, GAYS, & THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY from Eric Brandt, OPEN BOOK, 910 21st Street, 4pm, 498/1004

FOOD AND WINE BENEFIT, Sponsored by River City Bank, Holiday Inn Northeast, Comcast, TV Log, at Holiday Inn Northeast, 1-4:30pm, 452-8271 ext. 307

SWAP MEET, Modified Motorcycle Association, Cow Palace in San Francisco, 10am-4pm, 442-4727

BLACK TUESDAY JAZZ BAND, Neely Johnson Park (11th & E Streets), 6pm

19th Monday

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park (by tennis courts), 6:30pm, 974-8199

MEN'S DISCUSSION SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 920 20th St., 6pm, #117, 442-0185

M.C.C. Christian Services, Channel 17 or 73, 7pm, 456-8600

GOLF TOURNAMENT, Venture Out Active Education, Valley Hi Country Club, 11:30am, 372-1945

20th Tuesday

FARMERS MARKET-COUNTRY CLUB CENTRE, El Camino & Watt, in front of Office Depot, 8-11:30am

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES , gay & lesbian square dancing at Jefferson Elementary School, 2001 Pebblewood Drive, 6:30-8:30, contact George 929-8697, capcitysqs@aol.com

M.C.C. Christian Services, Channel 17 or 73, 11am, 456-8600

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS vs. Minnesota Lynx, Target Center, 5pm, 928-3650

SIZZLIN' SUMMER SOCIAL, Green Room & Courtyard, Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., Sacramento, 455-2667

"THE DRIVE" from Trisha Todd, Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, 7pm, 442-4657

21st Wednesday

ARTS FOR AIDS-Auction III, Somar Gallery, 9th St SF, Reception, Viewing, & Silent Auction: 5-7pm, Live Auction: 7-9pm

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park (by tennis courts), 6:30pm, 974-8199

SUPER SUMMER SALADS, Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd. (S St.), 455-2667

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP USA 99-Quarterfinal Doubleheader, 408/924-4086

CREATING A NATURAL FIRST AID KIT, Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., 7-8.30pm, 455-2667

FRONTRUNNERS BBQ, McKinley Park, 6:30

CREATING A NATURAL FIRST AID KIT, Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd, 455-2667

22nd Thursday

MARKET AT SUMMERFEST, 5-9pm

23rd Friday

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, Literary/Social Group, 451-7191

CLASSIC MOVIE, "An Evening with Mae West", begins with a Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ Concert, Towe Auto Museum at 220 Front Street, 7pm, 442-6802

DYKES DRAMA FESTIVAL, San Francisco, till 14th Aug., (415) 863-2989, www.lunasea.org.

PUNCH LINE, JOE TORRY, 9pm and 11pm

EDGE OF SEVENTEEN, opening, Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street, 44-CREST, www.thecrest.com

BACON BITS, Draw Pinky, contemporary original music w/elements of performance art and theater in a cabaret setting, also July 24, 30th and 31st, Special Sunday Matinee, Geery Theater 2130 L Street, 739-6105, 415-7237, www.calweb.com/~dpinky

24th Saturday

WORKSHOP, Discovery Museum, 101 I Street, 12:30-2:30pm, 264-7057

WATERCRAFT POKER RUN, Edgewater Resort, 6420 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville, 800-396-6224

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS, camping, hike, bike ride near Carson Pass, call Eve 972-9320 or Ray 421-6209

PUNCH LINE, JOE TORRY, 9pm and 11pm

MUMBO GUMBO, CSUS, 6pm

ALL-AMERICAN BARBECUE FAVORITES NATURALLY!, Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op, 12-3pm

POT LUCK BBQ, hosted at Jo & Verity's, GSAC, gsac@couples-national.org, 689-1927

SAN DIEGO LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE, Marston Point, Balboa Park, email@sdpride.org, www.sdpride.org, (619)297-7683

25th Sunday

WOODEN NICKEL JASS BAND, Seymour Park, 6pm

HOW TWENTIETHCENTURY CHRISTIANS DEAL WITH ANCIENT BIBLICAL TEXT REGARDING HOMOSEXUALITY, Lutheran Church Of Our Redeemer, 4641 Marconi Ave, 927-2624

26th Saturday

THE BRANDON TEENA STORY, documentary of a gender-based hate crime, premieres on CINEMAX Reel Life Series, Channel 62, 11pm, 674-6164

27th Tuesday

POLITICAL DISCUSSION GROUPS, "What constitutes feminist artistic vision?, Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, 7pm, 442-4657

PROJECT REGIONAL CONFERENCE, Names Project, thru Aug. 29 alternate date Fri Sept. 10-12 ozmar@aol.com, 484-6519

28th Wednesday

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, KVIE, Channel 6, 9pm

29th Thursday

MARKET AT SUMMERFEST, 5-9pm

30th Friday

ARTS, Apocrypha directed and performed by people from UC Santa Cruz, San Francisco State, UC San Diego, Sac. City College and Sacramento area, 24th Street and 4th Avenue, 8:30pm

31st Saturday

SPECIAL EVENT, Discovery Museum, 101 Street, 1-3pm

A REUNION DANCE, Raza Del Ambiente, Joseph's, 1454 Del Paso Blvd, 456-2545 or 444-6481

15TH ANNUAL AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES SUMMER PARTY, Universal Studios backlot, (323)993-1330

AUGUST

1st Sunday

LESBIAN VISIBILITY MONTH, West Hollywood, (323)848-6510

GOLD FEVER!, Sacramento Memorial Auditorium 1515 J Street, www.museumca.org/fever, 264-1215

1999 WORLD BEEP BASEBALL TOURNAMENT, Tri Visual, 1 to 8 August, 488-1509

1st ANNUAL BACW GOLF TOURNAMENT, BACW, Harding Park Golf Course, San Francisco, 11am, (415) 750-0230

CATSNJAMMER JAZZ BAND, McKinley Park

BRUNCH OUT WITH JOSE & CHARLES, GSAC, gsac@couples-national.org, 689-1927

5th Thursday

MARKET AT SUMMERFEST, 5-9pm

7th Saturday

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL GIFT FAIR, till 11th Aug.

8th Sunday

GSAC BOARD MEETING, at Lisa & Missy's, gsac@couples-national.org, 689-1927

10th Tuesday

KEEPING OUR COOL: DISCUSSING AIDS WITH LOVED ONES, AIDS Interfaith Network, First United Methodist Church, 21st and J Street, 7pm, 481-5487

MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL, weeklong event starts today, performances, workshops, film festival, crafts faire, campsites, WWTMC PO Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458, www.michfest.com, (616)757-4766

11th Wednesday

NEVADA COUNTY FAIR, thru Aug. 15, Grass Valley, 11228 McCourtney Rd (50 miles NE of Sac), www.nevadacountyfair.com, (530)273-6217

12th Thursday

MARKET AT SUMMERFEST, 5-9pm

COOL CUT-UPS, making collages, bring magazines, Lioness Books, 7pm, 2224 J Street, 442-4657

13th Friday

STEVE COHN QUARTET, featuring poet Joe Montoya, Sr., Poetry Shack, 922-8041

14th Saturday

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, Miniature golf, 7pm, 334-9361

FUNKIN GROOVIN, Glenn Hall Park

10th ANNUAL "BUS TO HELL", The Mercantile Saloon, August 14, 6pm to Aug. 15, 6pm, 743-9544

19th Thursday

MARKET AT SUMMERFEST, 5-9pm

20th Friday

RAINBOW CAMPERS, Wright's Beach, On the coast, till 22nd August, call Carolyn & Nancy 961-4722

21st Saturday

"THE GRAND GATSBY", Sac. AIDS Foundation, Sacramento Grand Ballroom, call Georgia Mering, 448-2437 ext. 228

"THE EPHEMERON", American Victorian Museum, (530)265-5804

19th ANNUAL QUILT SHOW, Folsom Historical Society, thru Labor Day weekend, 985-2707

EVENTS MASTER CALENDAR

SAF Enchanted Evening	June 26
SF Pride Parade	June 27
Sacramento Pride Celebration, 863-3018	**June 12**
Gay/Lesbian Pride Month	June
SAF SAC Light Opera Presents the SAC Music Circus	July
Santa Barbara Pride Celebration	July 10
S.F. Pride Parade	July 10
Riverside Pride Celebration	July 17
San Diego G/L Pride Celebration	July 23-25
Reno Pride Celebration	August 21
SAC LG Boat Parade	August
Sierra Stampede, 451-9439	August 20-22
SAF The Grand Gatsby, 448-2437x228	**August 21**
Chico Freedom Festival, 893-3336	August 29
Sac Rainbow Festival	September 5
S.F. Folsom Street Fair, 415-861-3247	**September**
SAF AIDS Walk, 448-2437 Ext 228	**September**
Honoring Our Heroes, www.iapac.org	**September 27**
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	**October**
S.F. LGBT Pride Celebration, 415-467-3354	**October**
Coming Out Day	October 11
Sacramento Intl. Film Festival, 558-6598	**October**
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	October
MGW Newspaper 21st Anniversary Celebration:	November
Harvey Milk & George Moscone's Lives	November 27
SAC Domestic Partners Law Anniversary 1992	November 16
World AIDS Day	December 1
SAF The Winter Concert	December 5
SAF Let The Miracles Begin	December 6
CAP/PAC Annual Dinner, **736-2722**	
Capital City AIDS Dance-O-Rama, 448-AIDS	
Election Day	**March 7, 2000**

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THE ACTORS WORKSHOP PRESENTS BEYOND THERAPY, July 7th thru August 15th, Tickets $10.00 - $12.00, 925-6579

EAGLE THEATRE, Nunsense, Jun 25-Jul 31; 925 Front St., Old Sac, 207-1226

MONTCLAIR WOMEN'S CULTURAL ARTS CLUB, Alix Dobkin & Copper Wimmin, Jul 17, 7:30pm; 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, 510-339-1832

RIVER STAGE, Waiting For Summer, Jul 10; 8401 Center Parkway, 688-7364

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE AND FAIROAKS THEATRE FESTIVAL PRESENTS: Once Upon a Mattress, for more Information call 916-966-3683 or 916-484-8234

ART GALLERIES

FINE ARTS MUSEUMS of SAN FRANCISCO, The Art of Craft: Contemporary Works from the Saxe Collection, June 26-October; de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, S.F.

SF MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, The Elise S. Haas Collection: Matisse and Other Modern Masters, thru Jul 5; Daido Moriyama, stray dog, May 14-Aug 3;151 3rd St., SF, 415-357-4170

CA. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, Francis Bacon Retrospective, June 13-August; The Art of Craft: Contemporary Works from the Saxe Collection, June 26th - October 1999, Masterworks of Theatre and Dance from Permanent Collection: A Tribute to Nancy Van Norman Baer, May 1st - September 1999, Class

Oldenburg Prints and Multiples, June 5th - September 1999, The Grand Design: Francis Bacon Retrospective, June 13-August; 34th Ave. & Clement St., SF, 415-863-3330

MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, Anne Gregory, watercolors, Kate Monson, paintings, Galelyn Williams, assemblage, May 20-July 3, reception June 12, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., Ste 3, 929-7896

GALLERY 8, Handmadfe Cameras, Pinhole Art, June 12th - July 3rd, Thursday - Friday 1 pm - 6 pm, Saturday 11 am - 2 pm By Appointment, 2906 Franklin Blvd, 916-456-4278

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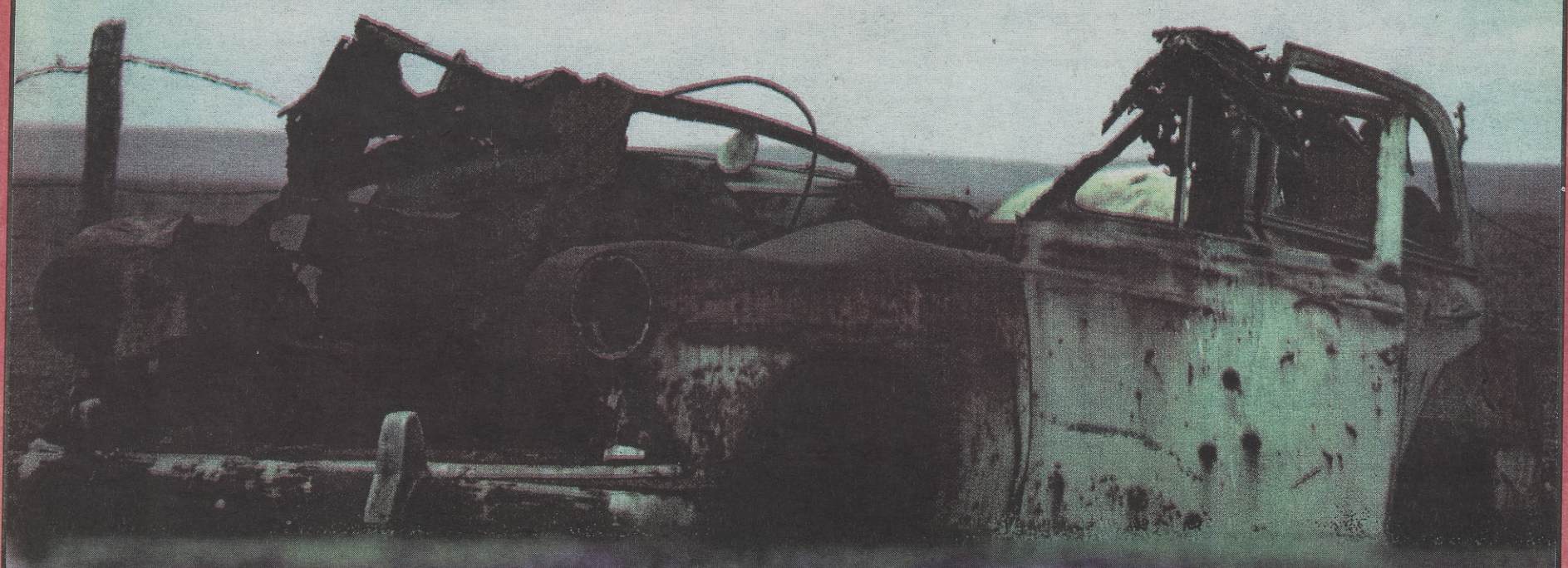

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